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Town Officers

Town Clerk

Josephine M. Haskell

Treasurer

Frank W. Williams

Selectmen

Fred A. Holton, *Chairman*
Charles A. Parker
Frank H. Montague

Assessors

Albert H. Mattoon	Term Expires 1927
Charles E. Leach	Term Expires 1928
Joseph R. Colton	Term Expires 1929

Accountant

Charles S. Warner

Tax Collector

Leon R.Alexander

School Committee

Maude M. Montague	Term Expires 1927
Joseph F. Bittinger	Term Expires 1928
Lester A. Polhemus, *Chairman*	Term Expires 1929

Library Trustees

Frank L. Duley	Term Expires 1927
Christiana C. Stockbridge	Term Expires 1927
Nellie M. Wood	Term Expires 1928
Norman P. Wood, *Chairman*	Term Expires 1928
S. Catherine Richardson	Term Expires 1929
Joseph F. Bittinger	Term Expires 1929

Cemetery Commissioners

Charles C. Morgan	Term Expires 1927
Clifford I. Holton	Term Expires 1928
Geo. N. Kidder	Term Expires 1929

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Harry M. Bristol

Constables

Harry M. Haskell Max L. Huber Theodore F. Darby

Forest Fire Warden

Thomas H. Parker

Deputy Fire Wardens

Wilford S. French, Frank Kendrick, HerbertA. Reed
Murray M. Hammond, Fred W. Blanchard, Leon A. Randall

Public Weighers

L. A. Polhemus, T. F. Darby, F. M. Dunnell
Geo. O. Dunnell, Charles J. Kehl

Inspection Meat, Provisions, and Slaughtering

J. J. Fisher, Merrill T. Moore, Fred Bolton
Murray M. Hammond, Fred Blanchard

Fence Viewers

C. S. Tenney, C. I. Holton, W. H. Dale

Surveyors of Wood and Timber

E. E. Aldrich, J. J. Fisher, H. C. Holton, Jr.
R. O. Leach, H. A. Reed, L. Quinlan

Field Drivers

H. A. M. Briggs, H. C. Holton, Jr., F. E. Lilly

Pound Keeper

L. O. Clapp

Chief of Fire Department

James W. Alger

Tree Warden

Arnold H. Holton

Superintendent of Highways

Charles S. Tenney

Registrars of Voters

Clarence P. Buffum, Walter R. Parker, John J. Broderick

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin, ss.

To either of the Constables of the TOWN OF NORTHFIELD in the County of Franklin. *Greeting*:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the North Church Vestry in said Town, on February the seventh, 1927, at 10 o'clock in the a.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1 To Choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2 To hear the reports of the several town officers and committees, or act thereon.

ART. 3 To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, the following to be on one ballott: Town Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen for one year, and one Assessor for three years, one School Committee member for three years, two Library Trustees for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, Tree Warden for one year, Tax Collector for one year, and three Constables for one year.

ART. 4 To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of taxes of the municipal year to an amount not exceeding the tax, and to issue a note or notes hereafter payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this note to be paid from the taxes of said municipal year, or act there on.

ART. 5 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate $150 for Memorial Day exercises, the same to be paid to, and expended by G.A.R. Post 171, or act thereon.

ART. 6 To choose one Trustee of the Martha Alexander Fund to take the place of Charles L. Robbins resigned.

ART. 7 To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Tree Warden in care and preservation of shade trees, or act thereon.

ART. 8 To see if the town will vote to purchase a motor truck, fully equipped, for the use of the Fire Department. Make any appropriation for the same, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 9 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $1762.50, to pay the interest and bond of the Bennett's Meadow Bridge debt.

ART. 10 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $1180 to apply on High School and Memorial Hall debt, or act thereon.

ART. 11 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for lighting the streets, or act thereon.

ART. 12 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for oiling or using some other material to lay the dust on the principle streets, or act thereon.

ART. 13 To raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ART. 14 To determine the salary of the Tax Collector, or act thereon.

ART. 15 To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to defend the Town in any suit brought against the Town, or act thereon.

ART. 16 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $275 for care and preservation of cemeteries, or act thereon.

ART. 17 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repairs and improvements of the roads and highways, exclusive of State Highways, and raise and appropriate the sum of $175 per mile for that purpose, or act thereon.

ART. 18 To see if the Town will authorize and instruct the School Committee to reduce the distance limit for transporting scholars, from two miles to one and one half miles, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for extra expense thereof.

ART. 19 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in the extermination of the Gypsy Moth, or act thereon.

ART. 20 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of a Community Nurse, or take any action thereon.

ART. 21 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in putting up railings, or act thereon.

ART. 22 To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout of the Selectmen of a road beginning at the end of the town road on Forrest Ave., thence south on Forrest Ave to Spring St., thence westerly on Spring St. to Linden Ave., thence northerly to the town road at Linden Ave., the total distance is about 1000 ft. To raise and appropriate any sum of money to be used for same, or take any action thereon The plan is filed with the Town Clerk.

ART. 23 To see if the Town will accept the sum of $100 in trust, and apply the interest to the care of the Ernest C. Field lot in the Farms Cemetery.

ART. 24 To see if the Town will accept the sum of $100 in trust, and apply the interest to the care of the Sumner Stratton lot in the Farms Cemeter.

ART. 25 To see if the Town will appropriate $125 to be paid to the Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture in accordance with Provisions of and for the purpose of Chapter 128, sec 45 of the General Laws, or for the support ofdemonstration work under the direction of the agent or instructors of the Trustees on land owned by the town or any resident thereof, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 26 To see if the Town will choose a director in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 128, sec. 41, of the General Laws to serve one year, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 27 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to remove the granite historical marker on Beers Plain from its present position to an appropriate position near the new State Road, under direction of the road Superintendent.

ART. 28 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Committee to investigate the advisability of establishing a town forest, or take any action thereon.

ART. 29 To see if the Town will appropriate $25 for the use of the library at Northfield Farms.

ART. 30 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $600 for the use of the Dickinson Memorial Library, or act thereon.

ART. 31 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $1000 for special repairs on the Dickinson Memorial Library building, or act thereon.

ART. 32 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate $500 for a reserve fund for the current year.

ART. 33 To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken February 2, 1925, under ART. 39 of said year, in regard to borrowing $7500 to be used in co-operating with the State Highway Department in construction of the State road between Northfield and Northfield Farms, or act thereon.

ART. 34 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the remaining balance on the drag-line, used in connection with the crusher, or take any action thereon.

ART. 35 To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to repair the house and barn on the Alexander place, or take any action thereon.

ART. 36 To see if the Town will take any action in regard to building a Town Hall, or raise any sum of money to be used for the same, or take any action thereon.

ART. 37 To see if the town will vote to establish and maintain a Household Arts Course in the Northfield High School.

ART. 38 To see if the town will vote to place a fire escape on the rear of the Center School and raise and appropriate the sum of $500 to pay therefor.

ART. 39 To see if the town will vote to repair and paint the East and Mountain Schools and to raise and appropriate the sum of $800 to pay therefor.

ART. 40 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $400 for the salaries of the School Physician and School Nurse, the same to be paid by the School Committee as required by law.

ART. 41 To see if the town will put in and maintain two lights between the one near Martineau's blacksmith shop and the one north of Mr. E. W. Church's residence.

ART. 42 To see if the town will appropriate the sum of $175 for the repair of cemetery fences.

ART. 43 To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to repair or renew the sidewalks in certain places where most needed.

ART. 44 To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $1000 to widen and repair the road from Shearer bridge to the Northfield Farms railroad crossing on Pine Meadow road.

ART. 45 To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to finish the Jewett road.

ART. 46 To see if the town will appropriate any sum of money to co-operate with the State and County in building a section of permanent highway in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Northfield, East Northfield, West Northfield, and at the School Houses at District No. 4, and District No. 6, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this —th day of January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven.

FRED A HOLTON
CHARLES A. PARKER
FRANK H. MONTAGUE
Selectmen.

Report of Selectmen

We respectfully submit for your consideration our report for the year ending December 31, 1926; also reports of the several committees and departments.

We hope you will find the financial statement and all the reports comprehensive.

You will find our list for appropriations for the ensuing year below.

State Aid	$	200
Library		600
Highways		5100
Tax Collector		500
Contingent		2500
Town Accountant		500
School Committee		75
Schools		30000
Bridges		1000
Railings		500
Snow Removal		2000
Nurse		1500
Alexander House		800
Alexander Hall		50
Sealer of Weights		150
Inspection		130
Interest		200
Insurance		475
Street Lights		3495
Farms Ferry		225
Fire Department		500
Poor		3200
Town Office		225
Town Clerk		250
Treasurer		550
Selectmen		550
Assessors		600

FRED A. HOLTON
CHARLES A. PARKER
FRANK H. MONTAGUE, *Selectmen*

Report of Treasurer

Town of Northfield in account with
F. W. Williams, Treasurer.

1926 To Cash received:

Jan.	1	Balance an hand	$32643 33
	5	District Court Garoszek & Kowlski fine	60 00
	6	Sierra & San Francisco acct Library	25 00
	6	Great Western Power acct Library	75 00
	7	T. A. Gabb, 1 mo rent	21 00
	9	C.V.R.R. refund acct fire	2 50
	12	Town of Gill, Tuition, 3 pupils	110 00
	15	James Broderick, 1 mo rent	13 00
	23	County Treas., Dog fund	334 51
	27	Int. on deposits	41 16
	29	Franklin County News, Voters list	50
			33326 00
Feb.	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1924 taxes	4 56
	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1925 taxes	3464 37
	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., intrest	46 60
	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., Demands	50
	6	A. F. Bennett refund, acct Mankoski	3 00
	6	T. A. Gabb, 1 mo. rent	21 00
	6	Town of Northfield, State Highway release	1 00
	9	G. M. McLaren, R. N. fees	16 00
	9	C. F. Slate, pistol license	1 00
	16	James Broderick, 1 mo rent	13 00
	20	C. A. Parker, gravel	3 50
	27	Interest on deposits	28 25
			3602 78
Mar.	1	Interstate No. 14752, acct Library	150 00
	1	G. M. McLaren, R. N. fees	4 75
	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1925 taxes	909 84
	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., Interest	17 12
	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., demands	3 00
	11	State Treas., school fund	3706 33

	16	James Broderick, 1 mo rent	13 00
	29	Interest on deposits	21 93
			4825 97
Apr.	1	T. A. Gabb, 2 mo rent	42 00
	1	State Treas, aid to mothers	60 59
		Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co., acct Library	50 00
	1	Interstate, No. 13074, acct Library	150 00
	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1925 taxes	1032 42
	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., Interest	24 96
	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., demands	1 25
	7	Dictrict Court, Fine Alex Whitney	100 00
	7	District Court, Fine A. Wood	50 00
	7	District Court, Fine S. Bliznik	50 00
	9	R. O. Leach, Union hall rent (10)	20 00
	9	County Treas, Wild cat bounty	10 00
	15	U. S. Treas, acct West Northfield cemetery	27 62
	15	B. & M. R. R., refund acct fires	5 00
	15	James Broderick, 1 mo rent	13 00
	16	State Treas, Income tax 1923	48 00
	16	State Treas, Income tax 1924	60 80
	16	State Treas, Income tax 1925	180 00
	17	Merk & Co refund	5 00
	17	Mable Morgan, Union hall rent	2 00
	17	C. A. Parker, gasolene license	2 00
	17	C. S. Tenney, gasolene license	2 00
	29	Interest on deposits	22 74
			1959 38
May	1	Paul Jordan, Vict, and gas license	3 00
	1	Raymond Parsons, Vict. and gas license	3 00
	1	Frank Garfield, Vict. license	1 00
	1	Mable Morgan, Union hall rent	2 00
	1	G. M. McLaren, R. N.fees	27 00
	1	Town of Northfield, gravel	3 20
	4	H. J. Glutney, pool room license	2 00
	4	James Quinlan, Vict., gas and pool room lic	5 00
	4	Philip Porter, refund acct fire	50
	4	L. R. Alexander, Coll., demand	50
	4	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1925 taxes	1168 06
	4	L. R. Alexander, Coll., Interest	40 76
	10	T. A. Gabb, 1 mo. rent	21 00
	13	H. C. Holton, Jr., Vict. and gas license	3 00

	13	Mrs. F. W. Harness, Vict. license	1 00
	17	James Broderick, 1 mo. rent	13 00
	22	State Treas., temporary aid	698 71
	28	Interest on deposits	17 67
	29	C. V. R. R., refund acct fire	7 50
	29	Town of Bernardston, school supplies	12 60
	29	The Northfield, Inn holders license	2 00
			2032 50
June	1	G. M. McLaren, R. N. fees	14 50
	1	A. O. Howard, pistol license	1 00
	1	T. F. Darby, pistol license	1 00
	1	F. W. Kellogg, Oleo. license	50
	1	F. A. Irish, Oleo, license	50
	1	J. W. Field, Auctioneer's license	2 00
	5	A. J. Monat, Innholder's license	2 00
	5	John Callaghan, Vict. license	1 00
	5	Town of Bernardston, refund acct fire	2 00
	5	Rent of Union hall, May 14	2 00
	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1925 taxes	852 47
	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., Interest	29 17
	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., demands	4 00
	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., Poll taxes	308 00
	10	C. V. R. R., refund acct fire	3 00
	15	James Broderick, 1 mo. rent	13 00
	17	H. M. Bristol, sealer	19 00
	18	Town of Gill, acct nurse	45 00
	19	Town of Vernon, tuition (Peach)	90 00
	19	S. E. Walker, Vict. license	1 00
	19	C. E. Williams, gas license	2 00
	20	T. A. Gabb, 1 mo. rent	21 00
	23	H. A. Lewis, Gas and Vict. license	3 00
	30	Interest on deposits	12 06
	30	State Treas., aid to mothers	72 46
	30	G. M. McLaren, R. N. fees	9 00
			1510 66
July	3	Note No. 25, Due Sept 1	12000 00
	3	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1924 taxes	45 60
	3	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1925 taxes	673 14
	3	L. R. Alexander, Coll., Interest	35 91
	3	L. R. Alexander, Coll., Polls	480 00
	3	L. R. Alexander, Coll., demands	5 50
	10	Town of Gill, Tuition	120 00

	16	State Treas., acct highways	1800 00
	16	Northfield Hotel Co., Garage license	2 00
	17	C. V. R. R., refund acct fire	2 00
	19	James Broderick, 1 mo. rent	13 00
	20	T. A. Gabb, 1 mo. rent	21 00
	23	Interstate No. 16334, acct Center cemetery	27 33
	23	Interstate No. 16332, acct Schools	27 33
	23	Interstate No. 15050, acct Library	33 00
	23	Interstate No. 15055, acct Library	27 00
	23	Crocker Savings Bank, acct N. F. cemetery	4 55
	23	Int. perpetual care, C. cemetery	204 16
	23	Int. perpetual care, N. F. cemetery	37 56
	23	Int. perpetual care, N. Mt. cemtery	4 55
	23	Int. perpetual care, Mt. H. cemetery	4 55
	23	Int. perpetual care, W. N. cemetery	91 45
	23	Int. perpetual care, Belcher cemetery	45 50
	23	Int. Surplus Rev., acct Schools	118 31
	23	Int. Belcher, acct Library	1 66
	24	Richard Pierce, Gas license	2 00
	24	F. V. Wood, Gas license	2 00
	24	Mrs. M. M. Hammond, Vict. and gas license	3 00
	26	H. M. Bristol, sealer	17 24
	26	State Treas, Inspection animals	54 50
	26	State Treas., Corp Tax business	126 51
	26	State Treas., Reimbursement loss of taxes	93 31
	28	Interest on deposits	15 83
			16139 49
Aug.	2	Town of Warwick, acct B.M.B.	1571 70
	2	G. M. McLaren, R. N. fees	39 25
	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1926 polls	90 00
	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1924 taxes	9 12
	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1925 taxes	186 66
	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., Interest	3 39
	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., demands	2 25
	5	Town of Montague, acct B.M.B.	3143 40
	5	Town of Greenfield, acct B.M.B.	3772 08
	5	Town of Gill, acct B.M.B.	4715 10
	7	D. C. Donahue, Vic. license	1 00
	7	C. A. Parker, Lumber B.M.B.	45 60
	13	State Treas., acct highways	425 00
	14	J. R. Hamilton, refund G.A.R.	48 20
	17	James Broderick, 1 mo. rent	13 00
	21	D. C. Donahue, Gas license	2 00

	28	Interest on deposits	21 87
	30	T. A. Gabb, 1 mo. rent	21 00
			14110 62
Sept.	1	Oklahoma Gas, acct Library	50 00
	4	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1925 taxes	624 26
	4	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1926 polls	74 00
	4	L. R. Alexander, Coll., Interest	38 25
	4	L. R. Alexander, demands	4 00
	16	James Broderick, 1 mo. rent	13 00
	16	G. M. McLaren, R. N. fees	45 20
	18	State Treas, acct Highways	1725 00
	18	Morgan Garage, Gas license	2 00
	18	Spencer Garage, Gas license	2 00
	18	E. B. Buffum, Gas license	2 00
	22	H. M. Bristol, sealer	20 33
	29	Interest on deposits	9 65
			2609 69
Oct.	4	Note No. 26 Due Nov. 4	12000 00
	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1925 taxes	31 28
	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1926 polls	34 00
	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., Interest	4 27
	5	L. R. Alexander, Coll., demands	1 00
	15	U. S. Treas., Int. acct W. N. cemetery	27 63
	16	James Broderick, 1 mo. rent	13 00
	18	G. M. McLaren, R. N. fees	18 00
	18	B. & M. R. R., refund acct fires	109 00
	20	Kelleher Bros., B.M.B. lumber	4 00
	23	State Treas., acct Highways	1100 00
	23	State Treas., acct School Supt	676 66
	25	Town of Bernardston, acct B.M.B.	2549 33
	29	Flora Lane, Cem. Int.	14 65
	29	Lucretia Holton, Cem. Int.	7 56
	29	Interest on deposits	10 33
	30	T. A. Gabb, 1 mo. rent	21 00
			16621 71
Nov.	2	G. M. McLaren, R. N. fees	28 75
	3	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1925 taxes	163 02
	3	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1926 taxes	34468 93
	3	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1926 polls	8 00
	3	L. R. Alexander, Coll., Interest	12 18
	3	L. R. Alexander, Coll., demand	50

	12	T. A. Gabb, 2 mo. rent	42 00
	17	James Broderick, 1 mo. rent	13 00
	18	Interstate 15050, acct Library	33 00
	20	Union hall rent	2 00
	20	Paul Duda, old lumber S. B.	20 00
	20	State Treas., Corp. tax P. S.	973 29
	20	State Treas., Corp tax business	1389 90
	20	State Treas., Income tax 1926	5394 66
	20	State Treas., Nat. Bank tax	144 81
	20	State Treas., Trust Co. tax	76 17
	20	State Treas., High school Tuition Spec.	1007 14
	20	State Treas., State Aid	168 00
	22	State Treas., acct Highways	650 00
	23	Town of Northfield, acct B.M.B. lumber	437 50
	24	State Treas., Income tax 1926	2255 34
	29	Town of Warwick, acct B.M.B.	47 80
	29	Interest on deposits	29 11
			47365 10
Dec.	3	G. M. McLaren, R. N. fees	17 00
	4	Interstate No. 16204, acct C. Cem.	129 00
	4	Interstate No. 16334, acct C. Cem	30 00
	4	Interstate No. 16332, acct Schools	30 00
	4	Interstate No. 15055, acct Library	27 00
	4	Town of Gill, acct B. M. B.	143 41
	4	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1926 taxes	7660 60
	4	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1925 taxes	46 22
	4	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1925 poll	2 00
	4	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1926 poll	2 00
	4	L. R. Alexander, Coll., Interest	13 43
	4	L. R. Alexander, Coll., demands	1 25
	4	L. R. Alexander, Coll., Sheriff	36 00
	4	Town of Greenfield, acct B.M.B.	114 73
	4	Town of Montague, acct B.M.B.	95 61
	4	nion Hall rent	2 00
	7	H. M. Bristol, sealer	12 24
	13	State Treas., State license	6 00
	15	County Treas., bounty on wild cat	10 00
	16	James Broderick, 1 mo. rent	13 00
	17	Town of Bernardston, acct B.M.B.	73 49
	18	Town of Gill, 1-2 acct ferry	97 19
	18	Union hall rent	2 00
	20	C. P. Buffum, acct sidewalk	33 79
	22	State Treas., acct Highways	950 00

24	Town of Gill, acct Nurse	35 00
30	Interest on deposits	39 34
31	G. N. Kidder, sale cemetery lots	168 00
31	G. N. Kidder, pasture rent	5 00
31	Union hall rent	2 00
31	Lucy Kellogg, Innholders license	2 00
31	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1926 taxes	5115 27
31	L. R. Alexander, Coll., 1926 polls	4 00
31	L. R. Alexander, Coll., Interest	28 70
31	District Court Fine, Chester Bailey	50 00
31	G. M. McLaren, R. N. fees	36 50
31	C. L. Hale, second-hand belt	2 00
31	T. A. Gabb, 2 mo. rent	42 00
		15071 77
	Total	159175 67
1926	By casth paid out on treasury warants Nos. 1 to 80 inclusive	132879 90
	Balance December 31, 1926.	26295 77

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

Cemetery Funds, Greenfield Savings Bank

27141	Elvira A. Morgan	50 00	
12719	James Pickard	100 00	
12806	Sarah Minot	150 00	
15962	Levi Fay	150 00	
19838	Samuel Holton	200 00	
20865	John L. Mattoon	100 00	
23751	Lois Stratton	100 00	
25927	Alvin Long	50 00	
26145	Charles Blackmer	50 00	
26167	Marcellus Stratton	100 00	
26473	Eliza Groves	51 69	
26659	M. Bemis and Otis Field	50 00	
26614	Maria Foss	25 00	
27012	Mary L. Wright	125 00	
27013	Alice J. Bigelow	100 00	
27014	Johnson	123 06	1524 75

Cemetery Funds, Franklin Savings Institution

14540	E. and E. Stratton	100 00	
16813	A. and A. Sawyer	100 00	
17136	William H. Stratton	100 00	
17631	Adeline W. Moody	100 00	
18761	Charles Alexander	200 00	
26642	A. M. D. Alexander	300 00	
28960	James White	100 00	
29987	M. A. and E. Belcher	1000 00	
31621	Miss Gæng	100 00	
36793	Elijah Belding	125 00	
36794	Elijah E. Belding	100 00	
36875	Lucy M. Webster	500 00	
41709	Augusta L. Day	100 00	
47202	Merriman and Hilliard	300 00	
47503	Rose A. Holton	100 00	
49042	Sherman N. Bartlett	100 00	
49043	Louis F. Bartlett	100 00	
49278	Charles Osgood	300 00	
50084	Benjamin F. Field	100 00	
51197	Edward B. Stearns	50 00	
51525	Andrew E. and Arthur H. Lyman	400 00	
52174	James and William Meriam	100 00	

52248	J. Wesley Mann	100 00	
52919	Lewis Fowler	50 00	
53228	Henry W. Montague	200 00	
53618	Horace F. Holton	100 00	
55159	Bessie Severance	100 00	5025 00

Crocker Savings Institution

15806	Gage and Clows		100 00

West Northfield Cemetery Fund

	Edward D. Priest and others		
45345	Franklin Savings Institution	1350 00	
26395	Greenfield Savings Bank	360 00	
	United States Bond, Three	300 00	
	United States Bond	1000 00	
51688	G. W. Snow	200 00	
54696	H. M. Yerrington	100 00	3310 00

Center Cemetery

16204	Interstate Mortg. 6p.c. Cowles	2000 00	
16334	Interstate 6 percent Belcher	1000 00	3000 00

In Account with Schools

18[illegible]1	Greenfield Savings Bank (Surplus Rev.)	1600 00	
6332	Interstate (Belcher) 6 percent	1000 00	
29986	Franklin Savings Inst(Belcher)	1000 00	3600 00

Belcher Fund in Account with Library

15055	Interstate Mortg. 6 percent	900 00
14752	Interstate Mortg. 6 percent	2500 00
15050	Interstate Mortg. 6 percent	1100 00
13074	Interstate Mortg. 6 percent	2500 00
11661	Great Western Power Co. 5 p.c.	1000 00
13349	Great Western Power Co. 5 p.c.	1000 00
13350	Great Western Power Co. 5 p.c.	1000 00
400	Joplin & Pitts Railway Co.Cert.	1000 00

32450	Franklin Savings Inst.	37 00	
M3310	Oklahoma Gas & Elec.Co. 5 p.c.	1000 00	
M3311	Oklahoma Gas & Elec.Co. 5 p.c.	1000 00	
1710	Sierra & San Francisco Power Co. 5 p.c.	1000 00	14037 00
	Total amount of trust funds		30596 75

F. W. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*

Report of Town Accountant

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I submit the following report of the Accountant's Department for the calendar year ending December 31, 1926, including the source of all receipts, detail of appropriations and expenditures, statement of trust funds and town debt, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town January 1, 1927.

C. S. WARNER, *Town Accountant.*

ANALYSIS OF TREASURY RECEIPTS

Cash Balance January 1, 1926		32643 33
Taxes		
From the Levy of 1924	59 28	
From the Levy of 1925	9159 74	
From the Levy of 1926	48238 80	
From the State:		
Corporation Tax	2489 70	
Income Tax	7938 80	
Trust Company Tax	76 17	
National Bank Tax	144 81	
Reimbursement—Loss of Taxes	93 31	68300 61
Fines		
From District Court	310 00	310 00
Licenses and Permits		
16 Gasolene Licenses	32 00	
11 Victualers Licenses	11 00	
3 Pistol Licenses	3 00	
2 Pool Room Licenses	4 00	
3 Innholder's Licenses	6 00	
2 Sale of Oleo Licenses	1 00	
1 Auctioneer's License	2 00	
1 Pedler's License	6 00	65 00

Grants and Gifts

From the State:		
School fund from Income Tax	3706 33	
School Superintendent	676 66	
High School Tuition	1007 14	
Inspection of Animals	54 50	5444 63
From the County:		
Dog Licenses	334 51	
Bounty on Wild Cats	20 00	354 51

Protection of Persons and Property

Refunds on Forest and Grass fires	131 50	
Sealer's fees collected	68 81	200 31

Health and Sanitation

Community Nurse fees collected	335 95	335 95

Highways

From State:		
Highways Account of 1926	6650 00	
From Town Gravel Banks	6 70	6656 70

Refunds

BRIDGES		
Greenfield on Bennetts Meadow Bridge	3797 33	
Montague "	3164 44	
Bernardston "	2531 56	
Gill "	4746 66	
Warwick "	1582 22	15822 21

General Refund

Town of Gill on Ferry Account	97 19	
on sidewalk account	33 79	
on merchandise purchase	5 00	
on Land Release	1 00	
on Memorial Day	48 20	185 18

Uuclassified

SALE OF MATERIAL		
Voters' List	50	
Sale of School Supplies	12 60	
Sale of Bridge Stock	507 10	
Miscellaneous	2 00	522 20

Other Unclassified

Tax Collector's fees	23 75	
Sheriff's fees	36 00	
Rent of land	5 00	
Rent of Town Property	463 00	527 75

Charities

From the State:		
Temporary Aid	698 71	
Mother's Aid	133 05	
Town Individuals	3 00	834 76

Soldiers' Benefits

From the State: State Aid	168 00	168 00

Schools

From other Towns, tuition	320 00	320 00

Cemeteries

Sale of Cemetery Lots	168 00	168 00

Interest

on deferred taxes	294 74	
on deposits in Bank	269 94	
on School Trust Funds	175 64	
on Cemetery Trust Funds	647 11	
on Library Trust Funds	621 66	
on account Bennetts Meadow Bridge from other towns	407 44	2416 53

Debt

From Temporary Loans	24000 00	24000 00
Total receipts for the year		159175 67

EXPENDITURES

HIGHWAYS

Appropriation		14000 00
Dr. To Transfer to Bennetts M. B.	400 00	
To transfer to Bridge Repairs	400 00	800 00
		13200 00

EXPENDITURES

C. S. Tenney, Superintendent	722 94
J. Dresser, labor	5 60
R. B. Holton, labor	9 60
C. S. Tenney, labor furnished	15 40
Herbert Black, labor	95 60
Frank Brasor, labor	390 40
E. Morgan, labor	287 05
C. W. Stratton, labor	2 80
C. L. Johnson, labor	9 44
Theodore Brassor, labor	55 00
Richard Pierce, labor	13 60
Jones Fisher, labor	2 20
Thomas McHugh, labor	23 40
Raymond Tenney, labor	4 00
Otis Fisher, labor	43 40
E. Fisher, labor	20 00
L. Miller, labor	162 00
R. E. Shearer, labor	4 71
C. A. Parker, labor	6 60
F. A. Bigelow, labor	410 20
F. V. Wood, labor	1 00
M. C. Clough, labor	58 40
Donald Williams, labor	23 00
Fred Sloyht, labor	1 20
C. I. Holton, labor	21 60
C. H. Stimpson, labor	45 20
John Dale, labor	433 60
C. B. Dwyer, labor	43 20
Charles Field, labor	77 40
Dana Fisher, labor	1 80
W. Bosworth, labor	16 20
M. Miller, labor	3 60
Seminary, labor	29 60
F. W. Blanchard, labor	26 40

Dean Williams, labor	3 60	
Harry Reed, labor	7 20	
E. Cosgrove, labor	8 00	
D. Clough, labor	9 60	
Geo. Piper, labor	1 80	
L. Johnson, labor	1 80	
H. Fisher, labor	2 00	
C. L. Gilbert, labor	80	3100 94

Auto Trucks

C. S. Tenney	1844 07	
C. A. Parker	593 75	
E. M. Morgan	815 33	
F. W. Anderson	131 00	
G. O. Dunnell	13 50	
Seminary	72 50	
Richard Pierce	15 75	
H. Fisher	19 50	
E. Fisher	40 50	
A. F. Bennett	2 25	3548 15

Teams

John Callaghan	14 40	
J. Crelan	10 80	
C. S. Tenney	40 80	
F. W. Blanchard	83 20	
Seminary	3 60	
G. O. Dunnell	14 40	
Thomas McHugh	7 50	
J. Dresser	41 60	
R. E. Shearer	6 22	
M. C. Slaight	5 44	
Otis Fisher	69 60	
L. Quinlan	361 40	
J. Quinlan	365 00	1023 96

Kelliher Brothers, Roller	210 00	
O. S. Fisher, Tractor	9 75	
Drag Line for Crusher	700 00	919 75

Construction Materials, Tools, Repairs and Supplies

C. L. Gilbert, gravel	3 00	
Town of Northfield, gravel	3 20	
R. E. Shearer, gravel	1 50	
C. S. Tenney, gravel	50	
C. A. Parker, gravel	60	
B. Woodbury, gravel	8 20	
M. Weeks, gravel	1 20	
J. Fisher, gravel	4 20	
W. Burrows, gravel	5 90	
R. O. Leach, gravel	1 20	
F. A. Adams, gravel	2 90	
L. M. Davis, gravel	161 85	
G. N. Kidder, sand	26 55	
C. S. Tenney, Frt. charges paid	20 93	
C.V.R.R. Co., freight charges	14 21	
J. M. Anderson, Repairs	88 29	
Acme R. M. Co., Repair parts	7.20	
Morgan Garage, Repairs	12 45	
N.E.Road M.Co., Repair parts	216 14	
R. E. Shearer, Lumber	3 50	
Williams & Rose, Lumber	2 85	
C. S. Tenney, Lumber	5 88	
Otis Fisher, Dynamite	14 00	
F. I. Webster Co., Tools	24 10	
E. B. Buffum, Tools	3 00	
H. M. Bristol, Supplies	2 40	
C. E. Williams, Supplies	5 16	
G. O. Dunnell, Fuel	37 07	
J. Markin, Fuel	15 21	
N.E. Metal Culvert Co.,Culverts	42 34	
Berger, Mfg. Co., Culverts	95 26	
Electric Light Co., Power	249 00	
American Tar Co., Tarite	220 47	
Wing & Evans,Calcium Chloride	196 72	
Standard Oil Co., Road Oil	845 50	
The Texas Co., Road Oil	789 72	
N. E. Road M. Co., Scraper	525 00	3657 20
		12250 00

Town Share	5250 00
State Share	7000 00
Paid By State	6650 00
Due From State	350 00

Expenditures on Roads in Northfield

Chapter 81—1926

1	Warwick Avenue	127 80
2	Warwick Road	276 15
3	Commonwealth Ave.	32 20
4	Erving or Gulf Road	558 11
5	Murdock Hill Road	37 00
6	Swamp Road	00 00
7	Orange Road	00 00
8	Mt. Hermon Station Road	930 12
9	East Northfield Branch Road	3 00
10	East Northfield Road	1573 15
11	Pine Street	80 00
12	Winchester Road	530 30
13	Pearson Road	62 90
14	Wanamaker Road	100 50
15	Ashuelot Road	171 55
16	Moody Street	398 42
17	Burnham Road	172 05
18	Holton Street	421 66
19	Highland Avenue	332 09
20	Caldwell Road	111 40
21	River Road	52 40
22	Randall Road	61 90
23	Vernon Road	4 00
24	Parker Street	216 58
25	Great Meadow Road	00 00
26	Meadow Street	6 50
27	Bridge Street	00 00
28	Mill Street	00 00
29	School Street	308 62
30	St. Mary Street	7 20
31	Alexander Hill Road	49 25
32	Pratt Hollow Road	10 00
33	Maple Street	36 70
34	Beers Plain Road	11 15
35	New Road	48 35
36	Old Wendell Road	92 85
37	Lyman Road	7 20
38	Lucky Clapp Road	9 55
39	South Mt. Road	417 92
40	Fisher Road	00 00
41	Four Mile Road	45 40
42	Gill Road	5 00

43	Pine Meadow Road	1053 67	
44	Branch Roads	149 40	
45	Old Millers Falls Road	00 00	
46	Cross Road to Pine Meadow	138 80	
47	East Street	210 25	
48	Northfield Farms Road	1692 04	
49	Sturbridge Road	00 00	
50	Dickinson Road	21 60	
51	Bennett Brook Road	30 20	
52	Glenwood Ave.	11 70	
53	Munns Ferry Road	68 22	
54	Myrtle Street	38 45	
55	North Lane Road	00 00	
56	Aldrich Street	00 00	
57	Howard Street	00 00	
58	Prospect Hill	21 60	
59	Slate Road	00 00	
General Work		184 02	
Culverts		140 00	
Machinery and Tools		799 29	
Crusher		357 79	12250 00

Allotments:	
State	7000 00
Town	5250 00
	12250 00

CONTINGENT

Appropriation	2500 00
Cr. by Transfer from Reserve Fund	99 29
Total Appropriation	2599 29

EXPENDITURES

Elections

J. W. Field, election officer	16 00	
S. E. Walker, election officer	16 00	
C. E. Leach, election officer	16 00	
F. D. Ware, election officer	16 00	
Lawrence Tyler, election officer	16 00	
M. Hammond, election officer	4 00	
Max Huber, election officer	4 00	
H. M. Haskell, election officer	8 00	
C. P. Buffum, registrar	20 00	
Walter Parker, registrar	20 00	
John Callaghan, registrar	8 00	
J. Broderick, registrar	4 00	
Northfeld Press, registrar notice	1 00	149 00

Constables and Police

T. F. Darby	26 05	
Max L. Huber	15 21	
H. M. Haskell	18 45	
L. Tyler	3 00	
C. E. Baxter	6 00	
R. B. Holton	5 00	
Ernest Howard	7 00	
M. M. Carroll, Court fees	31 70	
Haskins & Parsons, Court fees	36 00	
Sundry Persons	23 05	171 46

Inspection Meat and Slaughtering

A. W. Mead	31 00	
J. J. Fisher	39 25	
M. T. Moore	68 00	138 25

Grass and Forest Fires

Sundry Persons, labor	167 50	
T. H. Parker, Forest Warden	25 00	192 50

Printing and Legal Blanks

Northfield Press, town reports	207 69	
Northfield Press, valuation lists	240 00	
Northfield Press, sundry items	3 50	
Bookstore, Pad	25	
Goldsmith Bros, stationery	2 10	
Hobb and Warren, legal blanks	12 82	
Postage on Reports	25 20	
Auto Service Co. Assessor's book	5 00	496 56

Highways

Leach Mfg Co., highway signs	47 15	
F. I. Webster Co. sign stock	5 07	
C. A. Parker, sign stock	7 82	
Evans Brothers, sign stock	3 15	
Leavis & Bolton, labor on sidewalks	128 55	
Northfield Grain Co., Cement for sidewalks	66 70	
E. M. Morgan trucking for sidewalks	6 00	
C. Parker, trucking for sidewalks	3 00	
F. A. Adams, gravel for sidewalks	40	
J.Quinlan,teaming for sidewalks	27 20	
Frank Anderson, teaming for sidewalks	4 50	
H.M. Bristol, Tile for sidewalks	1 60	301 14

Miscellaneous Expenditures

H.M.Haskell, post warrants	40 00
Nfld Press, printing warrants	8 00
Nfld Press, printing ballots	26 00
Grange Hall, rent	9 00
W. L. Pullen, legal service	10 00
S.E.Walker, liability insurance	257 24
S. E. Walker, treasurer's bond	60 00
J. R. Colton, collector's bond	73 00
Interstate Mortgage Trust Co.,	

Adj. of interest	2	34		
G.H.McGill,repairs check writer	24	50		
F. A. Holton,selectmen expenses	1	00		
C. Parker, selectmen expenses	14	01		
State, certifying notes	4	00		
Nfld Water Co.,fountain supply	75	00		
C. H. Wilson, trough supply	5	00		
Town of Montague, bridge repairs	10	97		
Morgan Garage, repairs town clock	36	10		
George Slate, labor on fountain	14	00		
H. M. Bristol, labor on fountain	27	16		
J. W. Alger, labor on fountain	1	00		
Telephone Tolls	2	10		
J. Szistowski, killing wild cat	10	00		
Burton Reed, killing wild cat	10	00		
F. A. Bigelow, cleaning dump	18	00		
John Dale, cleaning dump	18	00		
A. H. Holton labor on trees	13	72		
Charles Holton, labor on trees	6	00		
C. A. Parker, labor on trees	16	20		
Fred Janes, labor on trees	3	00		
A. C. Field, lumber	24	40		
Mrs. C. R. Nelson, lumber	4	00		
H. E. Sheldon, lumber		80		
E. M. Morgan, labor on fence	3	50		
F. I. Webster Co., tools	7	50		
E. A. Newcomb & Son, police supplies	14	17		
C.Warner, accountant's expenses	4	42		
C. C. Stearns, recording births, deaths and marriages	15	75		
Josephine S. Haskell, recording births marriages and deaths	48	50		
Sundry Persons, return of births and deaths	12	00		
Sundry Persons, Farms road land damages	220	00	1158 36	2599 29

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation		1500 00
Cr. by transfer from Reserve Fund		205 72
		1705 72
C. A. Parker, plowing roads	346 20	
C. S. Tenney, plowing roads	296 80	
C. S. Tenney, freight paid	5 27	
Seminary, plowing roads	246 25	
J. W. Anderson, repairs	19 65	
B. & M. R.R.. freight on plow	33 75	
C. Parker, placing snow fence	50 80	
C.Parker, removing snow fence	17 00	
Mt. Hermon School plowing rds	6 00	
M. C. Sloyht, plowing and labor	58 29	
J.Dresser, plowing and labor	76 50	
C.I.Holton, plowing and labor	47 67	
A.W. Mead, plowing and labor	28 78	
L.R.Randall, plowing and labor	13 00	
J.Szestowski, team & shovelling	27 44	
C.F. Field, team & shovelling	24 98	
F.Blanchard, team & shovelling	10 40	
F.J.Brassor, labor shovelling	16 67	
H. W. Reed, labor shovelling	8 80	
H. Clough, labor shovelling	10 00	
E. L. Morse, labor shovelling	3 56	
E. Bistrek, labor shovelling	1 00	
H. A. Johnson, labor shovelling	1 00	
E. Fisher, labor shovelling	11 40	
W. Parker, labor shovelling	2 40	
M. T. Moore, labor shovelling	1 60	
A. H. Holton, labor shovelling	1 60	
Peter Lagenski, labor shovelling	1 60	
C. H. Stimpson, labor shovelling	13 40	
M. Miller, labor shovelling	6 80	
G. H. Lyman, labor shovelling	4 20	
Otis Fisher, labor shovelling	8 80	
J. McNamara, labor shovelling	1 00	
Fred Sloyht, labor shovelling	6 40	
W. M. Mitchell, labor shovelling	2 80	
John Black, labor shovelling	9 42	
L. W. Pratt, labor shovelling	3 60	
E. O. Perry, labor shovelling	4 00	
M. Hammond, labor shovelling	3 60	

A. J. Miner, labor shovelling	1 60	
R. B. Holton, labor shovelling	2 40	
F. Garfield, labor shovelling	3 60	
J. Nash, labor shovelling	3 60	
E. Cosgrove, labor shovelling	1 80	
H. L. Webster, labor shovelling	2 00	
J. Billman, labor shovelling	7 20	
Charles Holton, labor shovelling	7 20	
P. Mann, labor shovelling	10 80	
W. Lyman, labor shovelling	31 40	
F. B. Holton, labor shovelling	29 22	
F. E. Janes, labor on walks	1 80	
E. Kenney, labor on walks	1 80	
R. E. Dresser, plowing walks	49 35	
J. Quinlan, plowing walks	45 52	
L. Quinlan, plowing walks	4 00	
Seminary, plowing walks	10 09	
	1705 72	1705 72

POOR

Appropriation		3000 00
Cr. by transfer from Reserve Fund		6 37
Total Appropriation		3006 37

EXPENDITURES

Sundry Persons, cash payment	645 73	
Robbins & Evans, groceries	107 71	
F. W. Kellogg, groceries	117 05	
C. E. Williams, groceries	26 59	
A & P Tea Co., groceries	86 09	
E. B. Buffum, groceries	3 00	
Sarah Harness, board and care	427 36	
G. O. Dunnell, fuel	150 93	
C. A. Parker, fuel	61 00	
John Black, fuel	27 00	
G. N. Kidder, fuel	10 00	
Evans Brothers, fuel	6 00	
W. B. Dresser, fuel	6 00	
Mrs. W. Callender, home rent	140 00	
Margaret Callaghan,home rent	120 00	
J. Gymrek, home rent	40 00	
Lulu Carey, board and care	95 71	
J. J. Lawler, medical care	111 00	
R. H. Philbrick, medical care	4 00	
Flora Bowman,board and care	128 25	
Farren Hospital, hospital care	70 00	
City Worcester, hospital care	274 60	
C. C. Stearns, supplies	7 50	
W. R. Parker, auto service	12 00	
Telephone Tolls	1 00	
E. C. Phelps, board and care	80 00	
Town of Gnfld, aid furnished	170 68	
City of Northampton "	20 00	
Franklin Inn, hotel service	5 00	
John Ross, board furnished	29 28	
Alice Kenney, board furnished	22 14	
Individual, Reimbursement	75	
	3006 37	3006 37

BRIDGE REPAIRS

Appropriation			1000 00
Cr. by transfer from Highways			400 00
Total Appropriation			1400 00

EXPENDITURES

Northfield Grain Co., cement	221 13		
Leavis & Bolton, labor	162 91		
Whitman & Bixby, lumber	51 65		
Williams & Rose, lumber	248 00		
C. S. Tenney, lumber	68 81		
F. I. Webster Co., iron supplies	40 29		
C. E. Williams, hardware and supplies	5 18		
L. H. Lazelle, painting	24 00		
J. L. Dunnell & Son, cement	1 00		
M. M. Hammond, plank	1 00		
C. Tenney, trucking and labor	130 75		
C.A. Parker, trucking and labor	15 87		
E. Morgan, trucking and labor	99 10		
Frank Brassor, labor	53 20		
John Dale, labor	45 80		
F. A. Bigelow, labor	51 20		
Leon Miller, labor	7 20		
Theodore Brassor, labor	5 40		
M. C. Slaght, labor	5 40		
H. Black, labor	6 40		
C. L. Johnson, rent of pump	4 75		
L. Quinlan, teaming	42 00		
J. Quinlan, teaming	12 80	1303 84	
Unexpended Balance		96 16	
		1400 00	1400 00

MOTOR-CONVEYOR FOR CRUSHER

Appropriation			1500 00
EXPENDITURES			
Streeter Electric Co., motor	697 45		
F. I. Webster Co., belting	92 14		
Express on motor	35 16		
Alfred Holton, electrical work	104 29		
C.S. Tenney, cash feight charge	26 28		
Evans Brothers, lumber	36 06		
C. E. Williams hardware	5 59		
E. E. Aldrich, roofing	2 40		
Telephone Tolls	2 00		
E. M. Morgan, trucking	6 75		
Thomas A. Clark, labor	24 65		
C. S.Tenney, labor and trucking	31 85		
H. Black, labor	80		
F. A. Bigelow, labor	8 00		
John Dale, labor	8 00		
E. M. Morgan, labor	7 20	1088 62	
Unexpended Balance carried to '27 acct		411 38	
		1500 00	1500 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation			500 00
EXPENDITURES			
Lighting bills for hose house	6 00		
Spencer Brothers, supplies	33 77		
G. Kidder, storage of fire truck	48 00		
G. N. Kidder, use of truck	10 00		
Am. Fire Equipment Co., tools	10 94		
C. L. Johnson, tools	1 75		
C. E. Williams, supplies	2 25		
F. A. Irish, supplies	49 72		
Firemen's payroll	175 00	337 43	
Unexpended Balance		162 57	
		500 00	500 00

FERRY

Appropriation			225 00
EXPENDITURES			
G. N. Kidder, paint	9 88		
J. M. Anderson, repairs	1 50		
J. M. Anderson, ——	3 00		
Northfield Grain Co., roofing	3 00		
C. A. Parker, placing boat	7 00		
C.A. Parker, removing boat and repairs	20 00		
Fred Shantley, ferryman	150 00	194 38	
Unexpended Balance		30 62	
		225 00	225 00

JEWETT ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation			150 00
Mable Merriman, lnd damage	35 00		
Recording deed	1 37		
Fred Wells, teaming	32 80		
L. Quinlan, teaming	11 20		
C. S. Tenney, labor	19 60		
John Dale, labor	16 40		
F. A. Bigelow, labor	14 40		
E. M. Morgan, labor	4 80		
H. Black, labor	4 80		
F. Brassor, labor	4 80	145 17	
Unexpended Balance		4 83	
		150 00	150 00

HIGHWAY RAILINGS

Appropriation			500 00
EXPENDITURES			
E. E. Aldrich, labor furnished	280 15		
H. C. Holton, posts	42 00		
W. H. French, posts	8 80		
Evans Brothers, lumber	1 68		
Franklin C.Lumber Co.,lumber	166 46	499 09	
Unexpended Balance		91	
		500 00	500 00

A. M. D. ALEXANDER HOUSE UPKEEP

Appropriation			150 00
EXPENDITURES			
Thomas A. Gabb, labor	5 00		
Evans Brothers, lumber	5 29		
H. M. Bristol, repairs	36 46		
Water Company, water supply	13 88		
C. E. Williams, hardware	1 65		
S. E. Walker, insurance	19 06		
G. E. Holton, labor, material	44 61	125 95	
Unexpended Balance		24 05	
		150 00	150 00

A. M. D. ALEXANDER HALL UPKEEP

Appropriation			50 00
EXPENDITURES			
Richard Shubert, tuning piano	4 00		
C. E. Baxter, labor	3 65	7 65	
Unexpended Balance		42 35	
		50 00	50 00

SCHELL BRIDGE REPAIRS

Appropriation			5000 00
Cr. by transfer from Reserve overlay fund			500 00
Total appropriation			5500 00
EXPENDITURES			
Williams & Rose, plank	190 00		
C. E. Leach, plank	36 00		
Evans Brothers, lumber	14 34		
Rugg Mfg Co., lumber	1518 32		
Franklin C.Lumber Co.,lumber	977 73		
Town of Northfield	437 50		
F. I. Webster, hardware	123 63		
C. A. Parker, trucking, labor	124 85		
E. E. Aldrich, labor furnished	264 15		
Leavis & Bolton, labor furnish	385 50		
Ernest Kenney, labor	1 40		
Raymond Dresser, labor	3 60		
R. H. Parker, labor	3 60		
C. Parker, freight paid on paint	8 00		
S. E. Walker, employees insur	156 00		
L. Lazelle, painting contract	1400 00		
F. I. Webster, paint stock	619 91	5384 53	
Cr. by paint stock transferred to Bennett's Bridge account		164 97	
		5219 56	
Unexpended Balance		280 44	
		5500 00	5500 00

BENNETT'S MEADOW BRIDGE REPAIRS

Appropriation—Balance from 1925 account		21528 83
Cr. by transfer from Highways Appropriation		400 00
Total Appropriation		25928 83

EXPENDITURES

H. A. Lewis, supplies	1 00	
Frank Brassor, care of lanterns	7 37	
C. A. Parker, care of lanterns and signs	5 00	
C. S. Tenney, truck	4 50	
F. A. Bigelow, labor	1 20	
John Dale, labor	1 20	
Herbert Black, labor	1 20	
F. D. Avery, engineer service	550 00	
Standard Engineering and Construction Co., balance on contract	20145 70	
L.H.Lazelle, painting contract	571 00	
S.E.Walker, employees insuran	84 62	
C. A. Parker, freight paid	1 75	
F. I. Webster, paint stock	133 75	
To transfer from Schell Bridge paint stock	164 97	21673 26
Unexpended Balance		255 57
		21928 83

INFORMATION

BENNETT'S MEADOW BRIDGE REPAIRS

In 1925 and 1926

Appropriations

Feb. 2, 1925 Town meeting, raised by taxation	14500 00
Sept. 29, 1925 Special Meeting, appropriated from overlay reserve fund	4500 00
Sept. 29, 1925 Special Meeting, appropriated from excess and deficiency surplus	12500 00
Nov. 2, 1926 Transferred from Highways	400 00
Total of Appropriations	31900 00

EXPENDITURES

listed in 1925 town report	9971 17		
listed in 1926 town report	21673 26	31644 43	
Unexpended Balance		255 57	31900 00

Apportionment of Cost

Northfield, 50 percent	15822 22	
Paid by Greenfield,12 percent	3797 33	
Paid by Montague 10 percent	3164 44	
Paid by Gill, 15 percent	4746 66	
Paid by Warwick, 5 percent	1582 22	
Pd by Bernardston 8 percent	2531 56	
100 percent	31644 43	
Interest charges for funds advanced by Northfield		745 69
Assumed by Northfield	372 85	
Paid by Greenfield, 12 percent	89 48	
Paid by Montague, 10 percent	74 57	
Paid by Gill 15 percent	111 85	
Paid by Warwick, 5 percent	37 28	
Paid by Bernardston, 8 percent	59 66	745 69

TOWN CLERK

Appropriations—Salary 200—Expenses 50			250 00
EXPENDITURES			
C. C. Stearns, salary	31 24		
Josephine M. Hakell, salary	168 76		
C. C. Stearns, expenses	2 87		
P. B. Murphy, supplies	5 25		
J. R. Colton, insurance	4 00		
Northfield Press, printing	10 00		
Josephine S. Haskell, postage sundries	7 71	229 83	
Unexpended Balance		20 17	
		250 00	250 00

TOWN TREASURER

Appropriation—Salary 500—expenses 50			550 00
EXPENDITURES			
F. W. Williams, salary	500 00		
Rent Deposit Box	6 00		
Postage	26 27	532 27	
Unexpended Balance		17 73	
		550 00	550 00

SELECTMEN

Appropriation			600 00
EXPENDITURES			
F. A. Holton	165 00		
F. H. Montague	160 00		
C. A. Parker	150 00	475 00	
Unexpended Balance		125 00	
		600 00	600 00

ASSESSORS

Appropriation			600 00
C. E. Leach	150 00		
J. R. Colton	125 00		
A. H. Mattoon	325 00		
	600 00		600 00

TOWN OFFICES

Appropriation			225 00
EXPENDITURES			
Lighting bills	6 59		
Phone Tolls	15		
C. E. Williams, rent	180 00		
C. E. Williams, supplies	86	187 60	
Unexpended Balance		37 40	
		225 00	225 00

CENTER SCHOOL REPAIRS

Appropriation			500 00
EXPENDITURES			
L. H. Lazelle, painting	217 00		
E. E. Babb & Co., B. Board	2 38		
Leroy Bryant, labor, material	124 87		
F. A. Irish, paint stock	155 75		
	500 00		500 00

STANDARD HYDRANT COUPLINGS

Appropriation			100 00
Greenfield Tap & Die Co., tools	75 70		
R. H. Parker, labor	6 00		
J. W. Alger, labor	6 00	87 70	
Unexpended Balance		12 30	
		100 00	100 00

STREET LIGHTING

EXPENDITURES

G. E. Light & P. Co.		2741 46	
Unexpended Balance		158 54	
		2900 00	2900 00

COLLECTOR

Appropriation			500 00
L. R. Alexander, account 1924	25 00		
L. R. Alexander, account 1925	75 00		
L. R. Alexander, account 1926	400 00		
	500 00		500 00

SEALER

Appropriation—Salary 100—Expenses 50			150 00

EXPENDITURES

H. M. Bristol, salary	100 00		
H. M. Bristol, expenses	15 00		
W. & L. E. Gurley, supplies	14 40		
Northfield Press, notice	1 00	130 40	
Unexpended Balance		19 60	
		150 00	150 00

ACCOUNTANT

Appropriation—Salary			500 00

EXPENDITURES

C. S. Warner	500 00		500 00

STREET OIL

Appropriation			1000 00

EXPENDITURES

Wing -Evans, Calcium chloride	857 06		
B. & M. R. R., freight	142 94		
	1000 00		1000 00

FARMS STATE ROAD DAMAGES

Appropriation			2503 50
Paid sundry persons on road built in 1925		2503 50	2503 50

GYPSY MOTH

Appropriation			700 00
EXPENDITURES			
R. H. Parker, labor	122 40		
C. Holton, labor	80 20		
Ernest Kenney, labor	108 80		
Ernest Kenney, auto	8 00		
E. Bigelow, labor	102 60		
R. Holton, labor	69 40		
Fred Janes, labor	70 40		
J. Billman, labor	30 40		
J. Billman, auto	2 00		
P. Holton, labor	30 80		
J. Bestrek, labor	27 20		
Fitzhenry-Guptill Co., supplies	3 92		
Northfield Press, notice	9 45	665 57	
Unexpended Balance		34 43	
		700 00	700 00

TREE WARDEN

Appropriation			150 00
EXPENDITURES			
A. H. Holton, labor	47 03		
Fred Janes, labor	31 60		
Charles Holton, labor	67 95		
C. E. Williams, tools	3 42		
	150 00		150 00

HOLTON STREET SIDEWALK

Appropriation			400 00
EXPENDITURES			
Northfield Sem,materials, labor	400 00		400 00

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation			150 00
EXPENDITURES			
J. R. Hamilton for G. A. R.	150 00		150 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Apropriation			75 00
EXPENDITURES			
Maude M. Montague	25 00		
Joseph F. Bittinger	25 00		
Lster A. Polhemus	25 00		75 00

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Appropriation			100 00
EXPENDITURES			
Dr. N. P. Wood	100 00		100 00

INSPECTION OF ANIMALS

Appropriation			130 00
EXPENDITURES			
A. W. Mead	109 00	109 00	
Unexpended Balance		21 00	
		130 00	130 00

STATE AID

Appropriation			200 00
EXPENDITURES			
Paid to sundry persons	120 00	120 00	
Unexpended Balance		80 00	
		200 00	200 00

AID TO AGRICULTURE

Appropriation			125 00
EXPENDITURES			
Franklin Co. Extension Service		125 00	125 00

HISTORICAL MARKER

Appropriation			25 00
Unexpended	25 00		25 00

INSURANCE ON TOWN PROPERTY

Appropriation			475 00
EXPENDITURES			
S. E. Walker	427 56	427 56	
Unexpended Balance		47 44	
		475 00	475 00

INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOANS

Appropriation			150 00
EXPENDITURES			
First Nat. Bank discounts	138 57	138 57	
Unexpended Balance		11 43	
		150 00	150 00

HIGH SCHOOL—MEMORIAL HALL DEBT

Appropriation			1225 00
EXPENDITURES			
Franklin Savings Institution			
Paid 26th serial payment	1000 00		
Interest	225 00	1225 00	1225 00

BENNETT'S MEADOW BRIDGE DEBT

Appropriation			1815 00
EXPENDITURES			
National Shawmut Bank 25th Bond	1500 00		
Interest	315 00	1815 00	1815 00

LIBRARY

Appropriation			550 00
Interest on investments credited			621 66
			1171 66
EXPENDITURES			
Librarians	282 56		
Janitor	242 17		
State Inspection	2 00		
Light and water	58 07		
Books and magazines	320 76		
Northfield Press, printing	3 00		
Repairs	4 55		
Geo. O. Dunnell, fuel	98 19		
Northfield Grain Co., fuel	116 52		
Evans Brothers, fuel	7 00		
C. S. Hammond & Co., supplies	5 00		
Cardex Rand Co., supplies	1 80		
F.J.Barnard Co., binding books	29 95	1171 57	
Unexpended balance		09	
		1171 66	1171 66

CEMETERIES

Appropriation			275 00
Interest on investments credited			647 11
			922 11

EXPENDITURES

George Slate, labor	354 40		
Raymond Dresser, labor	33 00		
C.Holton, tools, labor, supplies	185 70		
C. I. Holton, fertilizer	27 00		
C. I. Holton, miscellaneous	5 00		
Granite State M. M. Co., machines and repairs	32 90		
A. W. Wallett, labor	31 60		
C. E. Williams, tools, supplies	4 17		
R. F. Pierce, labor	11 40		
C. C. Morgan, labor furnished	48 35		
C. C. Morgan, miscellaneous	5 00		
Ebner Thornton, labor	16 00		
Water Company, water supply	12 00		
Frank Alekseiwicz, labor	15 20		
Herman Fisher, labor	3 20		
G. N. Kidder, labor, repairs supplies trucking and miscellaneous	76 05		
C. W. Holton, labor	64 80	915 77	
Unexpended Balance		6 34	
		922 11	922 11

COMMUNITY NURSE

Appropriation			1800 00

EXPENDITURES

Grissell M. McLaren, salary	1400 00		
Spencer Bros.,repairs, supplies	138 90		
R. G. Kendrick, rent of garage	20 00		
Grissell M. McLaren, rent of garage and sundries	37 80		
S. E. Walker, insurance	28 00		
Northfield Press, notice	1 00		
Registration of automobile	10 00	1635 70	
Unexpended Balance		164 30	
		1800 00	1800 00

SCHOOLS

Appropriation			29000 00
EXPENDITURES			
L.W. Robbins, superintendent	1225 50		
Teachers	17225 00		
Music teacher	529 00		
Janitors	1726 70		
Transportation	3527 00		
Text books	688 30		
Supplies	656 83		
Fuel	1537 52		
Minor repairs	852 12		
New Equipment	249 70		
Lighting and water	176 94		
Janitors supplies	157 37		
Miscellaneous	156 16	28716 64	
Unexpended Balance		283 36	
		29000 00	29000 00

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		500 00
EXPENDITURES		
By transfer to snow removal account	205 72	
By transfer to contingent account	99 29	
By transfer to poor account	6 37	
	311 38	
Unexpended Balance	188 62	
	500 00	500 00

RECAPITULATION

Totals of Appropriations, Expenditures and Uenxpended Balances

Bennett's Bridge Debt	1815 00	1815 00	
High School Debt.	1225 00	1225 00	
Memorial Day	150 00	150 00	
Tree Warden	15 00	150 00	
School Committee	75 00	75 00	
School Physician	100 00	100 00	
Schools (General)	29000 000	28716 64	283 36
Rpairs Center School	500 00	500 00	
Contingent	2599 29	2599 29	
Street Lights	2900 00	2741 46	158 54
Highways	13200 00	12250 00	950 00
Inspection of Animals	130 00	109 00	21 00
Snow Removal	1705 72	1705 72	
Bridge Repairs	1400 00	1303 84	96 16
Railings for Highways	500 00	499 90	91
Cemeteries 275—647.11	922 11	915 77	6 34
Gypsy Moths	700 00	665 57	34 43
Ferry	225 00	194 38	30 62
Fire Department	500 00	337 43	162 57
Standard Hydrant couplings	100 00	87 70	12 30
Poor	3006 37	3006 37	
Town Office Maintenance	225 00	187 60	37 40
Clerk	250 00	229 83	20 17
Treasurer	550 00	532 27	17 73
Selectmen	600 00	475 00	125 00
Assessors	600 00	600 00	
Sealer	150 00	130 40	19 60
Accountant	500 00	500 00	
Collector of Taxes	500 00	500 00	
Int on temporary loans	150 00	138 57	11 43
State Aid	200 00	120 00	80 00
Insurance on town property	475 00	427 56	47 44
Alexander House Upkeep	150 00	125 95	24 05
Alexander Hall Repairs	50 00	7 65	42 35
Community Nurse	1800 00	1635 70	164 30
Aid to Agriculture	125 00	125 00	
Historical Marker	25 00		25 00
Holton Street Sidewalk	400 00	400 00	
Library 550—621.66	1171 66	1171 57	09

Street Oil	1000 00	1000 00	
Farms Road Damages	2503 50	2503 50	
Schell Bridge Repairs	5500 00	5219 56	280 44
Jewett Road Construction	150 00	145 17	4 83
Bennetts Bridge Rpairs 1925	21928 83	21673 26	255 57
Motor Conveyor for Crusher	1500 00	1088 62	
Balance in Reserve Fund	188 62		188 62
Unexpended Balances			3100 25
Motor Conveyor to 1927			411 38
Total Appropriations acct	101596 10		
Total Payments from appropriation		98084 47	
Total Unexpended Balance		3511 63	3511 63
Expended from appropriation to balance			98084 47
	101596 10	101596 10	101596 10

Payments from appropriation		98084 47
Paid State Treasurer over credit		12 09
Paid State Treas. Soldier's exemption		2 54
Paid State Treas. State Tax		4320 00
Paid State Treas. Auditing account		224 55
Paid State Treas. State highway tax		1372 60
Paid County Treas. County Tax		4620 10
Paid other towns, bridge material		243 55
Paid temporary loans		24000 00
Total Payments for the year 1926		132879 90
Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1926	32643 33	
Total Receipts, year 1926	126532 34	
Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1927		26295 77
	159175 67	159175 67

Farms State Road appropriation $10,000. charged off
State-County-Town Road Fund $4,000. charged off

BONDED AND FUNDED DEBT, JANUARY 1, 1927

Net bonded or fixed debt	$11,500 00	Bennett's Meadow Bridge Bonded Debt—Payable $1500 each year with interest at 3½%	$ 7,500 00
		High School Memorial Hall Debt, Serial—Payable $1000 each year with interest at 4½%	4,000 00
	$11,500 00		$11,500 00

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

Cash and Securities				
Martha Alexander Charity Fund, Trustees, on hand Dec. 31, 1926		$ 8,545 00	Distributed from interest received	$ 385 44
Elisha Alexander Charity Fund, Selectmen, on hand Dec. 31, 1926		1,198 79		
Schools Trust Funds, Treasurer, on hand Dec. 31, 1926		3,600 00	Interest Paid to Town	175 64
West Northfield Perpetual Care Cemetery Funds, Treasurer, on hand Dec. 31, 1926		3,310 00	Interest Credited to Cemeteries Account	154 26
Perpetual Care Cemetery Funds, Selectmen, on hand Dec. 31, 1926		189 79	Interest Credited to Cemeteries Account	22 21
Perpetual Care Cemetery Funds (General), Treasurer, on hand Dec. 31, 1926		9,649 75	Interest Credited to Cemeteries Account	470 64
Belcher Library Funds, Treasurer, on hand Dec. 31, 1926		14,037 00	Interest Credited to Library Account	621 66
		$40,530 33	Trust Funds—Income, Total	$1,829 85
Trust Funds to Cemeteries				
Interest on Center Cemetery Funds	$441 64			
Interest on W. Northfield Cemetery Funds	154 26			
Interest on Farms Cemetery Funds	42 11			
Interest on Mountain Cemetery Funds	4 55			
Interest on Mt. Hermon Cemetery Funds	4 55			
Credited to Cemeteries Account	$647 11			

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1926

Assets		Liabilities		
CASH,	$26,295.77	Reserve Fund, Overlay Surplus,	$ 351.97	
Accounts Receivable:		Overlay for Abatements, 1926 Levy,	126.59	
Taxes—		Departmental Revenue,	470.00	
Property and Polls Levy of 1926,	8,401.36	Surplus War Bonus Fund	865.66	
From the State:		Town Hall Insurance Fund,	4,500.00	
Highways, 1926 Account,	350.00	Cemetery Lots Fund,	616.37	
State Aid, 1926 Account,	120.00	Surplus Tailings,	17.81	
Soldiers' Exemption to be raised in 1927 Revenue,	2.54	Unexpended Balances, 1926 Account:		
		Motor-conveyor for Crusher,	411.38	
				$ 7,359.78
		Excess and Deficiency (Surplus),		$27,809.89
	$35,169.67			$35,169.67

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. Warner,

Town Accountant.

Town Clerk's Report

Vital Statistics for the year ending December 31, 1926.

Births

Of American parentage	29
Of Foreign parentage	5
Males 16—Females 18	34

Marriages

Both parties American born	15
Both parties Foreign born	0
One American and one Foreign born	2
	17

Deaths

American born	27
Foreign born	2
Males 15—Females 14	29

Attention is called to the following vital statistics. It is very important that these records shall be complete and correct. If any errors are discovered the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once, so that corrections may be made.

Some of the many reasons why births should be recorded,

To prove nationality.
To prove legitimacy.
To show when a child has the right to enter school.
To show when a child has the right to seek employment under the child labor law.
To establish the right to inheritance to property.
To establish liability to military duty as well as exemption therefrom.
To establish the right to vote.
To establish identity.
To establish the right to hold public office.
To qualify to hold title to and to buy or sell real estate.
To prove the age at which marriage contract may be entered into.

To make possible statistical studies of health conditions.

As required by Chapter 46, Section 15, General Laws of Massachusetts: NOTICE is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for return of births, to parents, house holders, physicians, and registered hospital offiicers applying therefor.

Josephine S. Haskell, *Town Clerk.*

Deaths

	years	mos.	days
Jan. 17, Julia E. Lincoln	82	1	11
Jan. 21, Leonidas Clark Miller	72	8	24
Jan. 24, Mary Maynard Doolittle	81	3	13
Feb. 4, Frank Perould	70	8	8
Feb. 5, Stillborn			
Feb. 10, Perl B. Stimson	60		
Mar. 1, Cornelia Delphin Wallett	66	3	7
Mar. 25, Harvey Chester Lamson	73	11	7
Apr. 17, Francis Henry Brassor	15	8	10
Apr. 18, Flora Lane Herrick	70	5	2
Apr. 23, Grace Lucille Phelps	50	5	2
Apr. 26, Frank B. Fay	72	5	1
May 3, Junior Bert Trudeau		6	6
May 13, Dexter Warren French	77	2	21
May 19, Stillborn			
May 24, Henry H. Morse	81	7	5
June 5, Gertrude Cornelia Walker	17	11	22
June 10, Ida Thornton Estabrook	69	10	25
July 20, Fredericka Tanski	72	8	9
Aug. 3, Freeman A. Hilliard	82	7	19
Aug. 8, Edgar Emerson Aldrich	51	2	16
Aug. 10, Mary E. Bean	51		
Aug. 11, Charles Ashley Shattuck	52	2	3
Aug. 20 Mary Elizabeth Griffith	77	8	20
Sept. 25, Charles Green	50	8	
Sept. 27, Eliza Veitch Nicholson	59	4	
Oct. 17, Mary Joyce	70	6	23
Oct. 23, Mary Jane Miller	60	10	9
Dec. 16, Edith S. Fisher	68	6	28
Dec. 20, Stillborn			

Marriages

Date	Names	Residence	Married
Feb. 6,	William Waldo Chase	Farmington, Ct.	
	Constance Moody	Northfield	Northfield
Feb. 6,	Charles Spears	Northfield	
	Martha Ada Farnum	Northfield	Brattleboro, Vt.
Feb. 11,	Edwin Plummer Bryant	Putney, Vt.	
	Eva Lizzie Morse	Northfield	Bernardston
Apr. 17,	Clifton Bangs	Springfield	
	Helen James	Springfield	Northfield
May 17,	Alexander J. Kiewski	Northfield	
	Janina Borkowski	Northfield	Northfield
June 3,	Franz M. George	Northfield	
	Amy Leavenworth Hillman	Northfield	Northfield
June 21,	Hervey J. Levasseur	Hinsdale, N.H.	
	Lillian Irene O'Clair	Northfield	Northfield
June 26,	Rodney Thompson Batchelder	Northfield	
	Edna May Brassor	Northfield	Northfield
June 26,	John Lawson, Jr.	Bedford, Mass.	
	Ruth Mildred Sword	Northfield	Northfield
July 15,	Bert Alex Whitney	Northfield	
	Clara Louise Hill	Northfield	Winchester, N. H.
July 24,	Edmund Daniel Somes	Northfield	
	Eunice Louise Morgan	Colchester, Vt.	Winchester, N.H.
July 28,	Albert Lee Spencer	Northfield	
	Olive Martindale	South Vernon	Winchester, N. H.
Sept. 4,	Leonard Pollard	Gill	
	Edith Gertrnde Gerrish	Northfield	Northfield
Sept. 9,	William Harold Waite	Greenfield	
	Helen Grace Whitney	Northfield	Greenfield
Sept. 22,	Miles Edmund Morgan	Northfield	
	Winifred Harvey Irish	Northfield	Northfield
Oct. 9,	Walter Raymond Parker	Northfield	
	Elsie Lillian Lanfair	Greenfield	Albany N.Y.
Oct. 29,	Rolland Conkey Abbott	Northfield	
	Mary Ellen Weeks	Northfield	Warwick

Births

Jan. 1,	Annie Kerylow,	William and Kathrina.
Jan. 9,	Alvin George Dresser,	William H. and Marion G.
Jan. 13,	Sophie Saczawa,	Lawrence and Katharina B.
Jan. 18,	Galvas,	Thomas and Agnes K.
Jan. 30,	William Fostine Bigelow,	Carlton E. and Ruth M.

Feb. 5, Stillborn.
Feb. 24, Virginia Ann Bolton, Fred I. and Doris L.
Feb. 28, Josie Sliva, Joseph and Helen.
Mar. 6, Verna Louise Hall, Willard F. and Florence L.
Apr. 13, Evelyn Adelaide Bassett, Henry R. and Olive J.
May 2, Robert Dunnell Johnson, Henry A. and Hazel D.
May 19, Stillborn.
May 28, Richard Reeves Fountain, Joseph H. and Florence A.
May 28, Domonick Duda, Paul and Frances W.
June 24, Donald Gay Huber, Max L. and Minnie C.
July 5, Mildred Irene Clough, Fred E. and Maud F.
July 20, Frank Chapin Stratton, Clarence W. and Jennie E.
July 26, Harlan Emmons Randall, Leon A. and Lillian May
Aug. 9, Susan Marion French, Wilford H. and Susan J.
Aug. 23, Elmer Beatrice Trudeau, Francis E. and Daisy M.
Sept. 9, Stanley Edgar Aldrich, Fred C. and Lyna M.
Sept. 10, Elsie Gertrude Wing, Herbert J. and Elsie I.
Sept. 23, Janet Mary Janes, Martin and Florence C.
Sept. 28, Donald Gordon Woodbury, Byron H. and Charlotte E.
Sept. 29, Nellie Elizabeth Brassor, Frank J. and Nellie E.
Oct. 2, Eileen Marion White, Percy A. and Marion L.
Oct. 14, Donald Earl Lilly, Francis E. and Marion E.
Oct. 28, Clinton Ralph Holton, Ralph B. and May W.
Nov. 1, ——— Huntoon, Leon W. and Pearl I.
Nov. 14, Roger Irving Polhemus, Lester A. and Jassamine W.
Nov. 26, Ross Louis Spencer, Jr., Ross L. and Elizabeth M.
Nov. 30, Mary Elizabeth Strange, Robert R. and Louise J.
Dec. 20, Stillborn
Dec. 24, Norma Eileen Leach, Ralph O. and Olive B.

Dog Licenses

For the benefit of the owners and keepers of dogs the following extract of the General Laws is hereby submitted:—

General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 137. The owner or keeper of a dog which is three months old or over shall annually, on or before March thirty-first, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of April following. The owner or keeper of a licensed dog shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with its *Owner's Name and its Registered Number.*

Section 138. The owner or keeper of a dog may at any time have it licensed until the first day of the April following, and a person who becomes the owner or keeper of a dog after April first, which is not duly licensed and the owner or keeper of a dog three months old after March thirty-first in any year, shall, when it is three months old, cause it to be registered, numbered, described, licensed and collared as required by the preceding section.

Dog Licenses issued during the past year

Male dogs	157
Female dogs (Spayed)	26
Female dogs	28
Total	211

Hunter's Trapper's and Fisherman's Certificates.

Resident Sporting Licenses	143
Non-Resident Sporting Licenses	5
Trapping Licenses	5
Minor's Trapping Licenses	9
Total	162

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL, *Clerk.*

Assessors' Report

Assessed Value of Real Estate	1597571 00	
Assessed Vaule of Personal Property	365880 00	1963451 00

Rate Per Thousand	28.40
Polls Assessed	506
Polls Exempt	6

Town Appropriations

Memorial Day	150 00
Tree Warden	150 00
Schools	29000 00
School Committee	75 00
School Physician	100 00
Repair of Center School	500 00
Contingent	2500 00
Bennett Bridge Debt	1815 00
High School—Memorial Hall Debt	1225 00
Street Lights	2900 00
Highways	14000 00
Conveyor and motor for Crusher	1500 00
Snow removal	1500 00
Repair of Bridges	1000 00
Street oil and other material	1000 00
Railings for highways	500 00
Cemeteries	275 00
Gypsy Moth removal	700 00
Ferry Maintenance	225 00
Fire Department	500 00
Standard Hydrant Couplings	100 00
Poor	3000 00
Town Office maintenance	225 00
Town Clerk	250 00
Town Treasurer	550 00
Selectmen	600 00
Assessors	600 00
Town Accountant	500 00

Sealer of Weights and Measures	150 00	
Collector	500 00	
Inspector of Animals	130 00	
Interest on Temporary Loans	150 00	
State Aid	200 00	
Insurance on Property	475 00	
Alexander House Upkeep	150 00	
Alexander Hall Repairs	50 00	
Community Nurse	1800 00	
Aid to Agriculture	125 00	
Historical Marker	25 00	
Holton Street Sidewalk	400 00	
Library	550 00	
Jewett Road Continuance	150 00	
Reserve Fund	500 00	70795 00
County Tax	4620 10	
State Tax	4320 00	
Highway Tax	1372 60	
Audit Expense	224 55	
Soldiers Exemption	10 51	
Overlay	485 97	11033 73
		81828 73

Estimated Income to Reduce Tax Account

Income Tax	5394 66
Corporation Tax	1400 00
School Funds	5090 40
School Supt. Salary	676 66
School Tuition from State	829 76
Interest on School Funds	175 00
Dog License Fund	294 29
Tax Reimbursement	92 00
Inspection of Animals	53 25
Temporary Aid	1800 00
Highways	7000 00
Gill Ferry Account	89 80
Community Nurse Fees	190 00
Sealers Fees	64 00
State Aid	150 00
Alexander House Rent	408 00
Licenses and Permits	86 00

Interest on Deposits	350 00		
Interest on Deferred Taxes	240 00		
School Fund Tuition from Towns	640 00		
Refund General	32 00	25055 82	
Raised on Real Estate	45369 92		
Raised on Personal Estate	10390 99		
Raised on Polls	1012 00	56772 91	81828 73
December Assessment		226 63	
Acres of Land owned by State		935.88	
No. of Horses Assessed		273	
No. of Cows Assessed		622	
No. of Sheep Assessed		42	
No. of Neat Cattle Assessed		192	
No. of Swine Assessed		96	
No. of Fowls Assessed		3660	
No. of Dwellings Assessed		591	
No. of Acres of Land Assessed		18796 1-4	

ALFRED H. MATTOON
CHARLES E LEACH
JOSEPH R. COLTON, *Assessors*

Report of Tax Collector

Taxes—1924

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1926:			
Personal & Real	127 68		
Interest received	5 67		133 35
Payments to Town Treasurer		64 95	
Abatements		68 40	133 35

Taxes—1925

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1926:			
Polls	32 00		
Personal & Real	9165 93		
Costs & Fees—Polls	20 25		
Interest rec'd—Polls	19		
Costs & Fees— P & R	30 00		
Interest rec'd—P & R	251 38		9499 75
Payments to Town Tdeasurer		9461 56	
Abatements:			
Polls		24 00	
Personal & Real		14 19	9499 75

Taxes—1926

Commitment:			
May 19, 1926—Polls	1012 00		
Sept, 15, 1926—P & R	55760 91		
Dec. 21, 1926—Dec.Assess	226 63	56999 54	
Fees Collected—Polls		9 50	
Interest received—P & R		37 50	57046 54
Payments to Town Treasurer:			
Polls	994 00		
Personal & Real	47244 80		
Costs & Fees & Int.	47 00	48285 80	

Abatements P & R		359 38	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1927		75	48645 93
			8400 61
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1927:			
1926 Polls	18 00		
1926 P & R	8382 61		

L. R. ALEXANDER, *Collector.*

Cemetery Commissioners' Report

We the Cemetery Commissioners of Northfield, submit our report for the past year. We ask for $275 to be raised and appropriated to help care for the Cemeteries for 1927; we also ask for $173 to repair and paint fences to be appropriated, using the $173 that has been turned in for the sale of lots in 1926.

Cash on hand Jan. 1 1926	$ 20	Cem	Lt. No.	V.1 P.
Lots Sold				
Mrs. Margaret Lavell	2	C	61&91	230
Mrs. George E. Maynard	13	C	169	231
Mrs. F. B. Washer	16	C	466	232
William H. Phelps	1	C	55	233
Mrs. R. D. Roberts	25	C	350	234
James S. Browning	20	NF	80½	235
Mrs. N. W. Keet	20	C	0	236
Jennie S. Field	12	NF	116½	237
Rev. Chas. O. Dunham	12	NF	115½	238
Elsie A. Weeks	12	WN	151	239
Mrs. Edgar E. Aldrich	15	WN	137	240
Received for rent of pasture	5			
	$ 173			

Paid Town Treasurer	173	
Appropriation		275 00
Interest on funds per Town Accountant		647 11
Bills approved and paid:		
Labor and sundries	915 77	
Unexpended Balance	6 34	
	922 11	922 11

Outstanding Accounts Jan. 1 1927, M. E. Woodhouse 8 00

George N. Kidder, *Clerk.*

Bills Approved:

May 1 Geo. Slate, labor	38 50
May 1 Raymond Dresser	31 20
June 5 C. W. Holton	64 80

June 5	G. S. Mowing Machine Co.	27 65
June 5	A. W. Wallett	21 60
June 5	C. E Williams, tools	2 79
June 5	Geo. Slate	85 00
June 5	Raymond Dresser	1 80
June 5	R. F. Pierce	3 40
June 5	Eber Thornton	9 40
June 5	C. C. Morgan	6 40
June19	C. I. Holton	85 60
July 3	Geo. Slate	56 90
July 7	Water Co.	6 00
Aug. 7	C. E. Williams	1 38
Aug. 7	C. I. Holton	54 55
Aug. 7	Geo. Slate	52 00
Sept. 4	Geo. Slate	56 00
Sept. 4	C. I. Holton	45 55
Sept. 4	Frank Alekseiwiez	15 20
Oct. 16	Geo. Slate	34 00
Oct. 25	G. S. Mowing Machine Co.	5 25
Oct. 25	Richard Pierce	8 00
Oct. 25	Eber Thornton	6 60
Oct. 25	C. C. Morgan	41 95
Oct. 25	C. I. Holton, fertilizer	27 00
Oct. 25	Water Co.	6 00
Dec. 18	Geo. Slate	32 00
Dec. 18	Hermond Fisher	3 20
Dec. 18	Geo. N. Kidder	76 05
Dec. 18	C. C. Morgan	5 00
Dec. 18	C. I. Holton	5 00
	Total Cost of Care	915 77

G. N. KIDDER
C. I. HOLTON
C. C. MORGAN, *Commissioners.*

Library Trustees' Report

Following is the report of the Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library for the year ending December 31, 1926:

Your Trustees have endeavored to make a small income do the maximum amount of work, and believe no apology is needed for the results accomplished. The town's appropriation is never sufficient to cover the expenses of librarian, janitor and heating, so that the balance remaining from invested funds does not provide for as great an expenditure for magazines and books as should be made, and it is constant problem to spend this money to the best advantage of the greatest number. With the patrons of the library wanting a wide range of books, it must be a constant matter of compromise as what to buy, and it can never be expected that such a solution will not result in some criticism from patrons who may desire certain books which, however desirable, are beyond the means of the library to acquire. This is a condition, however, that confronts almost every library of the country, and must be accepted as constant and unavoidable.

The Trustees ask for an appropriation of $600 for the general use of the library for the ensuing year. This is an increase of $50 over last year's appropriation, but it will be needed to take care of rebinding books that are now out of circulation owing to their condition.

The Trustees wish to renovate the interior of the building, on which little has been spent since the library was built, and nothing for many years. The expense will be in the neighborhood of $1000, and if the taxpayers agree that it should be done, such a sum will allow for the varnishing of all the woodwork, outside painting and doing over most of the walls and ceilings. Appended is the financial report of the librarian. For detailed expenditures by the Trustees see Town Accountants report.

N. P. WOOD, *Chairman*
F. L. DULEY, *Secretary*
J. F. BITTINGER
Mrs. S. CATHERINE RICHARDSON
Mrs. C. C. STOCKBRIDGE
Mrs. NELLIE M. WOOD *TRUSTEES*

Librarian's Report

Volumes in library last report	7932
Purchased last year	135
Given last year	33
Number of volumes bound	11
Number of family patrons	199
Number of individual patrons	261
Number of books taken by schools	298
Number of books taken by visitors	497
Number of books taken by families	12,420
Magizines circulated	910
Total circulation	14,113
Publications subscribed for	28
Publications given	15

Books Given

Mrs. D. F. Sutherland	3
Isobel Sutherland	1
Donald Sutherland	1
Mrs. Fred Merrifield	2
Mrs. N. M. Wood	5
Mrs. R. E. Griffith	1
Miscellaneous	20

Relics

Chairs from Old Unitarian Church, from Miss Lizzie Purple estate.

Financial

Balance on hand last report	$ 4.09
Fines collected	26.33
Received for books	2.60
Gift from patron	2.00
Paid for papers	11.00
Printing	.75
Printing cards	3.80

Stamp and cards	2.15
Express	3.64
Library bureau	1.82
Outlook	1.00
Incidentals	5.70
Balance on hand	5.16

Mrs. C. A. RANDALL, *Librarian.*

School Committee's Report

Organization of the Board for the year 1926.

Lester A. Polhemus, *Chairman*	Term Expires 1928
J. F. Bittinger, *Secretary*	Term Expires 1929
Mrs. Maude M. Montague	Term Expires 1927

Superintendent of Schools

Linville W. Robbins, A. M.

School Physician

N. P. Wood, M. D.

School Nurse

Grissell M. McLaren, R. N.

Attendance Officer

Charles E. Baxter

School Calendar

Open: January 3, 1927
Close: March 18 and March 25, 1927
Open: April 4, 1927
Close: June 10 and June 24, 1927
Open: September 6, 1927
Close: December 16 and 23, 1927
Open: January 3, 1928

School Superintendent's Report

PART ONE IN GENERAL

To the School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:—

Herewith is submitted my second annual report, covering the first full year during which I have been your superintendent of Schools.

The general principles stated in the report last year have been followed during the present year. It has been our constant endeavor to make the work of all grades thorough and practical: to teach the right way before the child can learn the wrong; and to impress on the child's mind the necessary essentials on which all progress is based. Much of the failure in upper grades and in High School is due to a lack of drill in the preliminary work of the beginning grades. If a child is taught thoroughly the various combinations in number work so that he knows the right quotient, product or difference instantly his mathematics will be easily understood during his years in grades and high school. If he has the ability to read and understand the books suited to his years, then, he will have little trouble with History, Geography, Text Problems, or the more advanced literature of the high school. For these reasons we have placed a great deal of stress on thoroughness in the lower grade work. Most of our failures are due to weakness in the two elements stated above.

One of my first moves was to make a census of the textbooks of the town, to lay out a basal list, and to organize a course of study based on such list. This course was completed during last summer and a typewritten copy placed in each teacher's hands at the opening of the fall term. Slight changes will be made in it from time to time as needed, but when finally finished it will be officially adopted and used as a basis of future work.

There were a number of changes in the teaching force at the close of the school last June. Miss MacDonald, our successful and popular Principal resigned, much to our regret. Mr. Martin went to the High School in Groton; Miss Parker became Mrs. Dunn and resigned; Miss Lovell, who

completed the year at the Farms, went to Templeton; Mrs. Buffum, whose efforts had brought the lower grades at the West School to a high standard, resigned and her place was taken by Ruth E. Clark. We were most fortunate to get Mr. Alanson E. Skillings to take the position of Principal of the High School. He is a graduate of Colby College, with post-graduate work in several institutions, a veteran of the World War, a thorough scholar and disciplinarian. The school is developing along sane and proper lines, is a Class A school and is justly appreciated by the students. Miss Beatrice Jeffrey was secured for the upper grades in the Center School and there has been continuous progress since she assumed her work. The new room with grades 5 and 6 was placed in charge of Miss Dalton and Miss Brown, who had done so well at No. 3, was placed in the room with grades 3 and 4. Miss Gaetz remained in the fourth room with grades 1 and 2. The school is now a four-room building with two grades to a teacher. It is a real school, well organized, and efficient.

The School Committee made a visit to each school-building, noted the condition and the repairs and alterations necessary. With these data they made out a five-year program covering all the schools and decided to devote the year to the Center Building. The necessary carpenter work was done to put it in first-class condition. The fresh air intakes were changed to give a better flow of air into the rooms; a window was closed where it was not needed; the upper rooms tinted and the whole exterior painted two coats. The work this year is to be done on the East School and the Mountain School. These will be handled in the same way. All necessary repairs will be done and the buildings given two coats of paint each.

Additional desks have been placed in the upper room at the Farms, and the well dug deeper. At the West School the lower grades have been placed down stairs and the upper grades in the room above, the necessary adjustments in desks, etc., being made during the summer. New chair-desks have been placed in the science room at the high school and some new sensitive physical apparatus provided for the science classes. We have had our troubles. During the fall the water supply at the Farms was insufficient and the motor at the West School was ruined by lightning. There is something radically wrong in the heating plant of the East School which makes it impossible to divide the heat equally

between the two lower rooms. Some animals, propably porcupines, gnaw holes in the boarding of the Mountain School, requiring some repairs. Most of the above has been corrected.

The School Committee has been a real factor in the work of the year. Most of the repairs at the Center School and at several other buildings has been done under their direction and with the best of success. They have given much time to the problems that have arisen and the town is fortunate in having such a committee. Where the superintendent must divide his time among five towns, covering twelve or fifteen thousand miles a year, he is fortunate to know that the members of the committe have a personal interest in the details which arise while he is elsewhere. To the committee and to the citizens who have treated me with unfailing courtesy, I return my sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. ROBBINS, *Superintendent of Schools.*

PART TWO STATISTICS

Census Report April 1, 1926

No. persons in town 5 to 7 years of age	72
No. persons in town 7 to 14 years of age	280
No. persons in town 14 to 16 years of age	75
	427

Mrs. G. G. Stearns.

STATISTICS

Enrollment of pupils, Fall Term, 1926

High School

	P. G.	Seniors	Juniors	Soph	Fresh	Total
Boys	1	8	7	9	11	36
Girls	2	4	10	12	14	42
	3	12	17	21	25	78

Center School

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Boys	10	12	4	4	5	2	9	16	62
Girls	6	5	9	10	12	9	4	14	69
	16	17	13	14	17	11	13	30	131

East School

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Boys	7	7	5	4	4	4	5	36
Girls	2	6	5	7	5	7	5	37
	9	13	10	11	9	11	10	73

West School

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Boys	5	3	7	1	4	4	5	29
Girls	5	0	3	3	6	1	8	26
	10	3	10	4	10	5	13	55

Farms School

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Boys	3	10	4	5	2	3	6	33
Girls	1	3	4	8	4	1	3	24
	4	13	8	13	6	4	9	57

Number Three

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Boys	4	4	2	5	3	18
Girls	2	4	2	2	1	11
	6	8	4	7	4	29

Mountain School

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Boys	2	2	1	0	1	0	2	8
Girls	1	0	1	0	3	0	1	6
	3	2	2	0	4	0	3	14

Summary by Age and Grade

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	pg.
Boys	31	38	23	19	19	13	27	16	11	9	7	8	1
Girls	17	18	24	30	31	18	21	14	14	12	10	4	2
	48	56	47	49	50	31	48	30	25	21	17	12	3

Grand Total by Grades

Grade 1	48			High School	F	25	
Grade 2	56				S	21	
Grade 3	47				J	17	
Grade 4	49				S	12	
Grade 5	50				PG	3	78
Grade 6	31						
Grade 7	48						
Grade 8	30	395					

Total for Fall Term, 1926	437
Total for Fall Term, 1925	422
Increase in 1926	15

PART THREE FINANCIAL

Appropriation, February, 1926 29000 00

EXPENDITURES

Superintendent	1225 00	
Teachers:		
Mary MacDonald	1020 00	
A. E. Skillings	720 00	
Evelyn G. Lawley	1320 00	
Emma R. Belcher	1200 00	
Mildred P. Griggs	1200 00	5460 00
Arthur P. Martin	600 00	
Beatrice H. Jeffrey	420 00	
Mary E. Dalton	950 00	
Gertrude E. Brown	950 00	
Kathleen M. Gaetz	950 00	
Elizabeth G. Braley	1000 00	
Margaret M. Mather	950 00	
Eleanor H.Pratt	950 00	
Alfred H. Evans	1000 00	

Fannie G. Buffum	580 00	
Ruth E. Clarke	340 00	
Norma G. Thurston	950 00	
Dorothy E. Parker	285 00	
E. Corinne Lovell	270 00	
Evelyn G. Sammie	370 00	
Esther M. Morgan	360 00	
Marion A. Dwyer	840 00	11765 00
I. J. Lawrence, music	529 00	529 00
Janitors:		
Charles E. Baxter	990 00	
Myron A. Billings	108 00	
Charles S. Tenney	80 00	
Ernest W. Maynard	149 00	
W. G. Slate	90 00	
Alfred H. Evans	168 00	
Marion A. Dwyer	40 00	
Gertrude A. Brown	24 00	
Roger A. Wells	16 00	
George Webster	27 00	
T. A. Gabb	4 00	
David C. Cook	12 80	
Stanley A. Wilson	2 90	
Richard E. Buffum	1 00	
C. W. Holton	9 20	
C. H. Broadbent	4 80	1726 70
Janitors Supplies:		
Mass State Reformatory	47 29	
Robbins & Evans	11 90	
F. A. Irish	20 20	
S. Allen's Sons Co.	12 60	
C. P. Buffum	1 00	
Dolge Co.	17 25	
Spencer Brothers	5 40	
C. E. Wiliiams	26 38	
F. W. Kellogg	9 39	
E. B. Buffum	5 96	157 37

Fuel:

Lawrence Quinlan	136 00	
C. A. Parker	10 00	
C. I. Holton	45 00	
F. B. Streeter	32 00	
G. O. Dunell	10 00	
G. W. Piper	38 00	
C. L. Hall	21 25	
Charles Leach	45 00	
O. S. Fisher	9 00	
Northfield Grain Co.	1175 74	
Evans Brothers	5 90	
Hammond Brothers	9 63	1537 52

Textbooks:

B. H. Sanborn & Co.	31 20	
F. E. Compton & Co.	25 00	
F. M. Ambrose & Co.	5 91	
D. C. Heath & Co	63 23	
Little, Brown & Co.	34 51	
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	18 52	
E. E. Babb & Co.	127 74	
American Book Co.	48 66	
Doubleday, Page & Co.	8 11	
Ginn & Co.	94 33	
Chas Scribner's Sons Co.	34 52	
Dowling School Sup. Co.	71 60	
MacIntosh Pub. Co.	8 94	
MacMillan & Co.	1 57	
Allyn & Bacon	33 13	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	1 89	
J. C. Winston & Co.	61 03	
Lyons & Carnahan	18 41	688 30

Supplies:

E. E. Babb & Co.	186 75	
J. L. Hammett Co.	14 91	
I. L. White	72 93	
Central Scientific Co.	34 03	
Storrs & Bement Co.	10 20	
Dowling School Supply Co.	77 55	
Milton Bradley Co.	47 74	
Greenfield News Co.	75	

Cressey & Allen	3 10	
Oval & Koster	16 66	
Calta Glass Works	15 15	
Lorenz Pub. Co.	32 40	
Northfield Press	39 50	
Carter Paper Co.	20 60	
Allen & Woodward	10 00	
MacIntosh Pub. Co.	5 59	
Andrews Paper Co.	16 25	
Ryan & Buker	12 19	
W. A. Choate Co.	15 33	
F. W. Harness	8 00	
Spencer Brothers	5 30	
The Bookstore	3 00	
R. H. Brown Co.	4 50	
J. M. Anderson	75	
Granite State Mch. Co.	1 65	
Morgan Garage	2 00	656 83

Water and Current:

Greenfield El. Light Co.	90 76	
Northfield Water Co.	74 18	
Northfield Seminary	12 00	176 94

Repairs:

L. H. Lazelle	200 00	
H. M. Bristol	324 07	
Charles L. Johnson	81 30	
Geo. Starbuck & Sons Co.	52 23	
W. H. Stebbins	51 00	
R. H. Philbrick	~~75~~ 00	– 75¢
J. F. Bittinger	3 75	
Malcolm Billings	2 00	
Evans Brothers	6 00	
George N. Kidder	26 10	
E. E. Babb & Co.	36 58	
A. E. Holton	51 20	
Franklin Co. Lumber Co.	4 64	
A. E. Skillings	2 10	
Charles S. Tenney	10 40	852 12

Transportation:

Charles S. Tenney	1680 00	
The Northfield	1148 00	
John Black	195 00	
Charles F. Field	130 00	
Herman Fisher	147 00	
B. H. Woodbury	156 00	
W. G. Dwyer	48 00	
G. W. Piper	23 00	3527 00

New Equipment:

Readsboro Chair Mfg Co.	117 00	
Mass Reformatory	37 50	
Columbia School Supply Co.	18 90	
W. R. Parker	7 20	
Central Scientific Co.	69 10	249 70

Miscellaneous:

W. T. Pigott, freight, etc.	25 24	
Mrs. G. G. Stearns, census	15 00	
L. W. Robbins	40 81	
Richard Schubert	4 00	
Harold Dwyer	5 00	
American Express	6 81	
H. M. Haskell, attendance	50 00	
Northfield Press	18 30	165 16

Tabulated Returns of 1926 with itemized estimate for 1927

	Appropriation 1926	Expended 1926	Recommended 1927
Superintendent	1225 00	1225 00	1225 00
Teachers	17775 00	17754 00	18550 00
Music			500 00
Janitor Service	1700 00	1726 70	1745 00
Janitor Supplies	100 00	157 37	150 00
Fuel	2125 00	1537 52	2000 00
Textbooks	500 00	688 30	600 00
Supplies	650 00	656 83	650 00
Water and Current	175 00	176 94	175 00
Repairs	750 00	852 12	750 00
Transportation	3250 00	3527 00	3525 00

New Equipment	500 0	249 70	200 00
Miscellaneous	50 00	165 16	100 00
	29000 00	28716 64	30170 00
Unexpended Balance		283 36	
		29000 00	
Credits from all sources		8747 77	
Net Cost schools, 1926		20252 23	

Report of School Physician

To the Board of Education of Northfield, Mass.

Gentlemen:—

In compliance with the law, I hereby submit my report as School Physician for the year ending December 31, 1926.

With the assistance of Miss McLaren, the School Nurse, 396 public school children have been examined for physical defects and personal well being, except defects of eye sight and hearing, which latter are imposed duties on the teacher and nurse. This appears to me as a strange anomaly because defects of such a character are vital to the progress and well being of school children.

Observation leads me to conclude that the teachers in our Public Schools are diligent, competent and successful in holding the respect of those under their charge. The heating and ventilating facilities of several school buildings ought to be materially improved.

For example, the heating equipments are such in the two school rooms on the first floor at East Northfield, heated by the same furnace, will produce a temperature in one room of 80 degrees F, while in the other it will be below 60 degrees F. It seems to me possible that an expert in furnace arrangement could remedy this.

Also, the water supply in some of the school houses can be materially improved.

One other item of prime importance to our young and coming generation, is the diligent and competent work of the Truant Officer. I have found that some pupils who ought to be in school are many days absent with no reasonable excuse.

The American Medical Association is making a thorough and scientific study of the large number of deafened school children, and are urging scientific, clinical examination by improved methods, such as are not accessible to the ordinary School Physician. The watch tick and whispered speech tests are discarded as too laborious and time absorbing, as by these tests applied by experts in a quiet room, not more than fifteen children can be adequately examined in an hour.

A method has been worked out by the use of a proper instrument in the hands of an expert by which over 396 children can be examined for deafness in a few hours.

Through the study above mentioned, over three million deafened school children above the fourth grade, are found in the United States.

Deafness is a real menace to the future usefulness of such school children. Ought not we to be abreast to this important health problem?.

Outbreaks of whooping cough, measles and chicken pox, which seem unavoidable, have materially interfered in the work of a part of the schools.

I believe that the pupils in our Public Schools, as a whole, are in better physical condition than one year ago.

All physical defects noted have been reported to the parents and guardians, with request that they consult their several family physicians.

I wish, here, to commend the evidence of increased activities in the various athletic sports among the school children. This, I believe, has been accomplished through the work and the direction of the teachers.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

N. P. WOOD, *M. D.*

Community Nurse's Report

To the Selectment and the School Committee of the Town of Northfield:

The following is the report of the service rendered by the Community and School Nurse for the year 1926.

Nursing Service

Number of patients visited	107
Number of visits made	512
Maternity cases	13
Prenatal visits	8
Child welfare visits	13

There has been an increasing demand for the services of the nurse, and the nursing visits have varied in length from one half hour to ten hours. For this work, the sum of $254.95 has been collected.

School Service

School visits	124
Talks given	13
Classes taught	29
Pupils' homes visited	94

All the pupils in the school have been given the routine physical examination by the school physician assisted by the nurse, and, in addtiion, special cases, reported by the teachers, have been investigated. In response to the reports of physical defects sent home for some of the pupils, several of the parents have been prompt to seek a remedy. Unfortunately, there are still some parents who refuse to be persuaded that such action is beneficial to the children, but we hope, in time, to win these, too. The teachers have been enthusiastic in their efforts to help the pupils to gain the right ideas in regard to their health, and most of the pupils have shown great interest.

Except for some cases of whooping cough and chicken pox, the health of the school children has been excellent. Had the quarantine been more strictly and conscientiously observed by those suffering from the above mentioned diseases it is probable that they would not have spread so widely

Talks have been given, from time to time, in the schools on various subjects pertaining to health, and classes in Home Nursing and First Aid are being given to the pupils of the Junior and Senior classes in the High School.

In June, a Chest clinic was held here at which two doctors from the Westfield Sanitorium examined 31 of the school children, most of whom were more than 10 percent under normal weight, and also three adults. Later, 4 of these were taken to Westfield for X-Ray examination. One girl from the town spent three weeks during the summer at the Health Camp.

Six days were spent, during the year, in the schools in Gill.

Respectfully submitted,

GRISELL M. McLAREN, *R. N.*

Report of Fire Chief

During the year of 1926, the Fire Department was called out for seventeen fires. Three of these fires were house fires the remainder were chimney or grass fires.

The steam whistle at Northfield Seminary has been blown only for serious fires. In case of chimney fires, only one or two firemen have been summoned. We believe this method has helped keep down the expenses of our department. There is an unexpended balance of $162.57 from the appropriation of $500 for the year 1926.

We realize that the town should own a dependable piece of motorized apparatus. House fires in the outlying districts prove this belief. The members of the department are always willing to do their utmost to save property.

We ask for an appropriation of $500 for the ensuing year. Detail of expenditures will be found in the report of the Town Accountant.

JAMES W. ALGER, *Chief of Fire Dept.*

Report of State Auditor

To the Board of Selectmen,

Mr. Fred A. Holton, *Chairman,*

Northfield, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the town of Northfield for the year ending December 31, 1926, made in accordance with the Provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Examiner of this Division.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation,

State House, Boston.

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the accounts of the town of Northfield for the year ending December 31, 1926, and report thereon as follows:—

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked, the reported receipts being checked with the financial records of the several departments collecting money for the town and with the treasurer's books. The payments recorded on the accountant's ledger were checked to the warrants authorizing disbursements and with the treasurer's cash book.

An analysis of the ledger was made, a trial balance was taken off, proving the accounts to be in balance, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared, showing the financial condition of the town as of December 31, 1926.

The appropriation accounts were examined, and all appropriations and transfers voted by the town were checked with the town clerk's records.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined and checked. The footings of the cash book were proved, the reported receipts were checked and compared with the accountant's books and with the records of the departments making payments to the treasurer, and the payments were compared with the vouchers and warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds.

The cash balance as of December 31, 1926, was verified by a reconciliation of the bank account with a statement furnished by the bank.

The books in the treasurer's office have been kept in the usual accurate manner.

The securities and savings bank books held as investments of the trust funds in the custody of the treasurer, selectmen, and trustees of charity funds were examined and listed. The income was proved and the receipts and disbursements were examined and verified.

The books and accounts of the collector were examined and checked, the commitments of taxes being verified and the abatements checked to the assessors' records of abatements granted. The payments to the treasurer were checked to the treasurer's books, and the outstanding accounts were listed in detail and proved to the accountant's ledger. The outstanding accounts were further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received, it appears that the accounts are correct as listed.

The books of the collector have been accurately kept, and collections have been promptly made, thereby facilitating the work of the audit.

The records of the town clerk for dog licenses issued and of the sealer of weights and measures for fees collected were examined and checked, and the payments to the county and town treasurers, respectively, were verified.

Appended to this report are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax accounts and of the accounts of the town clerk and sealer of weights and measures.

For the co-operation and courtesy extended by the depart-

ment officials during the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitter,

EDW. H. FENTON

Chief Examiner.

Reconciliation of Treasurer's Cash

Balance January 1, 1926	32643 33	
Receipts 1926	126532 34	159175 67
Payments 1926	132879 90	
Balance December 31, 1926	26295 77	159175 67
Balance December 31, 1926, per cash book		26295 77
Balance January 4, 1927, First National Bank of Greenfield, per statement	30855 81	
Less outstanding cvhecks January 4, 1927 per list	4560 04	26295 77

Taxes—1924

Outstanding January 1, 1926		127 68
Payments to treasurer	59 28	
Abatements	68 40	127 68

Taxes—1925

Outstanding January 1, 1926		9197 93
Payments to treasurer	9159 74	
Abatements	38 19	9197 93

Taxes—1926

Commitments per warrants	56772 91	
Additional commitment	226 63	56999 54
Payments to treasurer	48238 80	
Abatements	359 38	
Outstanding December 31, 1926	8401 36	56999 54

Outstanding January 1, 1927		8401 36
Outstanding Jan. 3 1827, per list	7641 00	
Cash in hand Jan. 3, 1927 (verified)	760 36	8401 36

Interest on Taxes, 1924

Collections 1926		5 67
Payments to treasurer		5 67

Interest and Costs on Taxes, 1925

Collections 1926:		
Interest	251 57	
Costs	50 25	301 82
Payments to treasurer		301 82

Interest and Costs on Taxes, 1926

Collections 1926:		
Interest	37 50	
Costs	9 50	
Collections Jan. 1 to Jan. 3, 1927:		
Interest	38 22	85 22
Payments to treasurer 1926:		
Interest	37 50	
Costs	9 50	
	47 00	
Cash on hand Jan. 3, 1927	38 22	85 22

Reconciliation of Collector's Cash

Cash on hand Jan. 3, 1927:			
Taxes 1926	760 36		
Interest 1926	38 22	798 58	
Outstanding checks Jan. 3, 1927, per list		5147 97	5946 55
Balance Winchester National Bank of New Hampshire, Jan. 3, 1927, per statement			5946 55

Town Clerk

Dog licenses issued 1926:		
183 males and spayed females @ 2 00	366 00	
28 females @ 5 00	140 00	506 00
Payments to county treasurer	462 00	
Clerk's fee retained, 211 @ 20c	42 20	
Cash on hand December 31, 1926	1 80	506 00

Elisha Alexander Charity Fund

In Custody of Selectmen

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year	1121 41	1121 41
On hand at end of year	1198 79	1198 79

Receipts

Income	77 38
Total	77 38

Payments

Added to savings deposits	77 38
Total	77 38

Martha W. Alexander Charity Fund

In Custody of Trustees

	Cash	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year	15 00	8525 00	8540 00
On hand at end of year	20 00	8525 00	8545 00

Receipts

Income	390 44
On hand Jan. 1, 1926	15 00
Total	405 44

Payments

Charity	385 44
On hand Dec. 31, 1926	20 00
Total	405 44

Surplus Revenue School Fund

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year	1600 00	1600 00
On hand at end of year	1600 00	1600 00
Receipts		
Income	72 81	
Total	72 81	
Payments		
Transferred to town	72 81	
Total	72 81	

Belcher Center School Fund

In Custody of Treasurer

	Securities	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand beginning of year	1000 00	1000 00	2000 00
On hand at end of year	1000 00	1000 00	2000 00
Receipts			
Sale of Securities		1000 00	
Accrued int. on securities sold		1 83	
Transferred from town		2 34	
Income		102 83	
Total		1107 00	
Payments			
Purchase of securities		1000 00	
Accrued int. securities purchased		4 17	
Transferred to town		102 83	
Total		1107 00	

Belcher Library Trust Funds

In Custody of Treasurer

	Securities	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand beginning of year	14000 00	37 00	14037 00
On hand at end of year	14000 00	37 00	14037 00
Receipts			
Income		621 66	
Total		621 66	

Payments

Transferred to town	621 66
Total	621 66

West Northfield Cemetery Fund

In Custody of Treasurer

	Securities	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand beginning of year	1300 00	2010 00	3310 00
On hand at end of year	1300 00	2010 00	3310 00

Receipts

Income	146 70
Total	146 70

Payments

Transferred to town	146 70
Total	146 70

Belcher Cemetery Fund

In Custody of Treasurer

	Securities	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand beginning of year	1000 00	1000 00	2000 00
On hand at end of year	1000 00	1000 00	2000 00

Receipts

Income	102 83
Total	102 83

Payments

Transferred to town	102 83
Total	102 83

J. W. Cowles Cemetery Fund

In Custody of Treasurer

	Securities	Total
On hand at beginning of year	2000 00	2000 00
On hand at end of year	2000 00	2000 00

Receipts

Income	120 00
Total	120 00

Payments

Transferred to town	120 00
Total	120 00

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year	5649 75	5649 75
On hand at end of year	5649 75	5649 75

Receipts

Income	255 37
Total	255 37

Payments

Transferred to town	255 37
Total	255 37

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund

In Custody of Selectmen

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year	189 79	189 79
On hand at end of year	189 79	189 79

Receipts

Income	22 21
Total	22 21

Payments

Transferred to town	22 21
Total	22 21

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

Balance Sheet—December 31, 1926

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		
Cash:		
In Bank,		$26,295.77
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1926,		8,401.36
From the State:		
State Aid,	$120.00	
Highways,	350.00	
		$ 470.00
To be provided for in Revenue 1927:		
Soldiers' Exemptions,		2.54
Loans Authorized,		7,500.00
		$42,669.67

Liabilities		
Unexpended Balances:		
State Highway Construction,	$7,500.00	
Conveyor and Motor for Crusher,	411.38	
		$ 7,911.38
Tailings,		17.81
Surplus War Bonus Fund,		865.66
Cemetery Lots Fund,		616.37
Town Hall Insurance Fund,		4,500.00
Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus),		351.97
Overlay reserved for abatements:		
Levy of 1926,		126.59
Departmental Revenue,		470.00
Surplus Revenue,		27,809.89
		$42,669.67

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt,	$11,500.00	Bennett's Meadow Bridge Loan,	$ 7,500.00
		High School Loan,	4,000.00
	$11,500.00		$11,500.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds—Cash and Securities:		Elisha Alexander Charity Fund (Selectmen),	$ 1,198.79
In Custody of Selectmen,	$ 1,388.58	M. W. Alexander Charity Fund (Trustees),	8,545.00
In Custody of Trustees,	8,545.00	Surplus Revenue School Fund (Treasurer),	1,600.00
In Custody of Treasurer,	30,596.75	Belcher Center School Fund (Treasurer),	2,000.00
		Belcher Library Fund (Treasurer),	14,037.00
		West Northfield Cemetery Fund (Treasurer),	3,310.00
		Belcher Cemetery Fund (Treasurer),	2,000.00
		J. W. Cowles Cemetery Fund (Treasurer),	2,000.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund (Treasurer),	5,649.75
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund (Selectmen),	189.79
	$40,530.33		$40,530.33

List of Names to be Drawn for Jury Duty.

Fred A. Irish
George O. Dunnell
Joseph F. Bittinger
Homer F. Browning
John J. Broderick
George W. Carr
Frank E. Evans
Charles L. Gilbert
Charles E. Leach
Martin A. Janes
Ralph B. Holton
Harry M. Haskell
Fred G. Huber
Dana Leavis
Charles A. Parker
Sidney P. Tyler
Charles S. Tenney
Daniel Sutherland
Waldo H. Stebbins
Herbert A. Reed
Lawrence Quinlan
Leon A. Randall
Ralph O. Leach
Frank W. Williams
Thomas H. Parker
Ernest Nash
Edward M. Morgan
Frank H. Montague
John T. Callaghan
Frank P. Britton

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